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**HB 2045 (Chapter 85): dangerous drugs; definition; xylazine**

Classifies xylazine as a dangerous drug. Creates an exemption for licensed veterinarians to acquire, use, prescribe or administer dangerous drugs in the course of their practice in good faith and in accordance with generally accepted medical practices.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2064 (Chapter 86): school safety zone; offenses; sentencing**

Allows a court to increase the applicable sentencing range by up to five years for a person who is convicted of a felony offense in a school safety zone if the person is: 1) in a position of trust as defined in statute; and 2) convicted of child sex trafficking, a sexual offense or a sexual exploitation of children offense.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2241 (Chapter 251): bestiality; visual depiction; minors**

Establishes an additional form of criminal bestiality, classified as a class 1 misdemeanor, involving a visual depiction in which a real person is actually engaging in oral sexual contact, sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a real animal.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2310 (Chapter 189): NOW: child enticement; classification; definition**

Establishes *child enticement* as a criminal offense involving a person who knowingly does either of the following: 1) uses an electronic communication device, performs an act in person or through a third party or uses any written communication to lure or entice a minor to distribute a visual depiction of a person's genitals or the female breast; or 2) commits any act in furtherance of or to facilitate the sexual abuse of the minor. Classifies this new offense as a class 5 felony unless the defendant is in a position of trust, in which case the offense becomes a class 4 felony.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2245 (Chapter 66): narcotic drugs; fentanyl; sentencing**

Entitled the *Ashley Dunn Act*, imposes enhanced sentencing ranges for certain existing narcotic drug offenses if the offense involves the sale of fentanyl to another person in an amount of at least 200 grams.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2486 (Chapter 147): parent-child relationship; restoration**

Establishes a process for the restoration of a parent-child relationship that has been terminated, including by enumerating requirements for certain parties to petition a court for the restoration of the parent-child relationship and outlining the items that the court must consider in deciding whether to grant the petition.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2508 (Chapter 97): NOW: public alarm; false reporting; classification**

Creates a new form of false reporting, classified as a class 6 felony, involving a person who initiates a report of a serious offense involving an educational institution or any place used for worship or for religious services knowing that such report is false and intending that it will cause an emergency response.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2511 (Chapter 39): diversion; juveniles; conditions**

Adds voluntary participation in an approved religious services program as a condition for juvenile diversion that may be substituted for one of the other conditions currently outlined in statute.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2623 (Chapter 195): vacate conviction; sex trafficking; victims**

Amends existing statute allowing a person who was convicted of a prostitution offense to apply to have the conviction vacated due to the person's status as a sex trafficking victim by removing the requirement that the prostitution offense be committed before July 24, 2014, and by allowing victims of child sex trafficking to apply to have the conviction vacated under the statute.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2665 (Chapter 255): child sex trafficking; facilitating prostitution**

Amends existing child sex trafficking offenses to include conduct relating to the facilitation of prostitution with certain minors and requires a court to impose certain conditions on a person who is released on own recognizance or bail in child sex trafficking cases. Adds additional offenses to statute barring certain evidence of a victim's past sexual conduct from being introduced in certain prosecutions and to statute requiring a mandatory assessment to cover the cost of investigations for certain sexual offenses.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2677/SB 1734 (Chapter 181): abortion ban; repeal**

Repeals a criminal statute that prohibits abortion-related conduct not necessary to save the life of the mother.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2742 (Chapter 257): aggravated assault; transit; airport; rail**

Adds an assault committed against a public transit employee, airport employee or railway worker as a form of class 6 felony aggravated assault. Lowers the sentencing classification for assault that involves intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury from a class 2 misdemeanor to a class 3 misdemeanor.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**SB 1185 (Chapter 231): catalytic converter; unlawful use; classification**

Changes existing criminal statute relating to used catalytic converters to specify that the statute relates to used detached catalytic converters and classifies the unlawful possession of 10 or more used detached catalytic converters as a class 6 felony.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1214 (Chapter 9): NOW: continuing education; agency license requirements**

Requires the Arizona Supreme Court to allow a member of the State Bar of Arizona to earn continuing legal education credit for attending a continuing education program to fulfill a license renewal requirement for a different state agency if the program: 1) consists of an organized program of learning; 2) deals with matters directly related to the law; 3) follows an agenda; and 4) is accompanied by substantive or practical written materials or exercises.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1232 (Chapter 233): NOW: sexual conduct; minor; punishment**

Classifies sexual conduct with a minor as a class 1 felony punishable by natural life imprisonment if the minor is 12 years old or younger and suffers serious physical injury.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1236 (Chapter 158): internet sex offender website; offenses**

Modifies the criteria for including offenders on the Internet Sex Offender Website (Website) maintained by the Department of Public Safety. Any person convicted of specified sexual offenses, who was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense, must be included on the Website. Additionally, any offender who was over 21, and who was convicted of a sexual offense categorized as a Dangerous Crime Against Children, must be included on the Website.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1302 (Chapter 108): child abduction from state agency**

Lowers the sentencing classification for the *abduction of a child from a state agency* to a class 1 misdemeanor if: 1) the child voluntarily left the placement location; 2) the person who fails to return the child is the child's parent; and 3) the person's motive is to protect and care for the child.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1364 (Chapter 13): probation; transfer**

Allows a probationer to request to serve their probation term in another county in the state if the probationer proves that they have family caregiving obligations, employment, housing, or an offer of housing or employment that will assist in positive behavioral change. Requires the supervising probation department to confirm these details, review victim safety concerns in compliance with the Victim's Bill of Rights and receive approval from the receiving county's probation department.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1372 (Chapter 166): family reunification treatment: prohibitions**

Prohibits the court from ordering family reunification treatment that requires certain conditions relating to custody and separation between a parent and child unless both parents consent. Defines *family reunification treatment* as a treatment, therapy, program, service or camp that is aimed at reuniting or reestablishing a relationship between a child and an estranged or rejected parent.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1411 (Chapter 167): organized retail theft task force**

Creates the Organized Retail Theft Task Force (Task Force) to combat organized retail theft by collaborating with law enforcement agencies, investigating cases of organized retail theft and making recommendations for legislative action to combat organized retail theft.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1436 (Chapter 5): offenses; lifetime injunction**

Expands the list of felony offenses eligible for a prosecutor or victim to file a petition for lifetime injunction by adding aggravated assault involving strangulation or domestic violence, voyeurism and stalking.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1594 (Chapter 113): aggravated assault; developmental disability; exception**

Exempts an individual, with a cognitive disability that prevents him from having the ability to form the culpable mental state, from the aggravated assault classification for assaults committed against a health care worker.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1630 (Chapter 241): NOW: sex offender management board; establishment**

Establishes the Sex Offender Management Board to evaluate and suggest revisions to standards and guidelines about how sex offenders and juveniles who have committed sexual offenses are managed.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1638 (Chapter 243): NOW: Pacific conflict; assessment**

Directs the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) to conduct an annual risk assessment, and provide legislative recommendations, to prepare for a potential conflict in the Pacific. Tasks DEMA with identifying vulnerabilities and providing response strategies for critical infrastructure, telecommunications, military installations, supply chains, cybersecurity and public health.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1675 (Chapter 60): prior felony conviction; aggravated DUI**

Allows an aggravated DUI offense to be considered a historical prior felony conviction in a prosecution for any new offense if the aggravated DUI was committed within five years immediately preceding the new offense.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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## Vetoed Bills

**HB 2157 (Vetoed): probation; termination; deportation.**

Prohibits a court from using a defendant's deportation as the sole reason for early termination of probation or intensive probation.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**HB 2586 (Vetoed): harmful website content; age verification.**

Prohibits a commercial entity from knowingly or intentionally publishing or distributing material harmful to minors on the internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of such material without performing a reasonable age verification method to verify the age of the person attempting to access the material.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**HB 2629 (Vetoed): schools; instruction; victims of communism**

Establishes November 7 of each year as Victims of Communism Day and requires the State Board of Education to create a list of recommended resources for mandatory instruction on the topic in certain public school courses. Requires high school American Government courses to spend at least 45 minutes of class time teaching about the history of communist regimes around the world.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**HB 2843 (Vetoed): defense of premises; definition**

Amends the definition of *premises* for purposes of an existing justification defense in the criminal code to mean any real property *or* (rather than *and*) any structure, moveable or immovable, permanent or temporary, adopted for *either* (rather than *both*) human residence *or* (rather than *and*) lodging whether occupied or not.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**SB 1007 (Vetoed): NOW: schools; libraries; explicit materials; classification**

Public schools are prohibited by existing statute from using or referring students to any sexually explicit material; this Act makes it a class 5 felony — for employees or contractors, of public schools and public libraries — to violate the prohibition on using or referring students to any sexually explicit material with criminal negligence.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**SB 1073 (Vetoed): obstruction highway; large event; classification**

Adds a new form of the offense of *obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare*, classified as a class 6 felony, involving a person who, having no legal privilege to do so and after receiving a verbal warning to desist, intentionally interferes with either: 1) passage on any roadway in or leading to an airport; or 2) passage on a highway, bridge or tunnel currently holding 25 or more vehicles or people.

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**SB 1129 (Vetoed): NOW: unlawful occupants; property; removal**

Allows a property owner or the property owner's authorized agent to request that law enforcement immediately remove a person who unlawfully occupies a residential dwelling from the property and outlines requirements for a person to be deemed an unlawful occupant. Specifies that a person who fails or refuses to surrender possession of the property as directed by a law enforcement officer is committing trespass.

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**SB 1155 (Vetoed): lifetime probation; sexual offenses; termination**

Prohibits a person on lifetime probation for a sexual offense from petitioning for probation termination until a certain amount of time has passed based on felony level. Requires the probation department to complete an investigation of the probationer's current or pending criminal charges and prohibits probation modification or termination if there are current or pending charges.

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**SB 1189 (Vetoed): political subdivisions; gun shows; preemption**

Proscribes an Arizona political subdivision from prohibiting a gun show from occurring within the subdivision or enacting or enforcing any rule or policy that primarily affects and effectively prohibits a gun show from occurring.

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**SB 1231 (Vetoed): state crime; illegal border crossings**

Establishes state criminal liability for a range of border-related conduct, including illegal entry and reentry into Arizona from a foreign nation and refusal to comply with an order to return to a foreign nation. Creates various enforcement mechanisms of these provisions as well as civil immunity and indemnification for certain persons who enforce them as part of their official duties.

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**SB 1336 (Vetoed): NOW: deepfake recordings or images**

Establishes the criminal offense of *disseminating a deep fake recording or image* for the intentional dissemination of a deepfake recording or image depicting an individual's intimate parts or the individual engaging in sexual acts without said individual's consent. Classifies this offense as a class 6 felony or, if specified circumstances such as dissemination for profit or with the intent to harass apply, a class 4 felony.

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**SB 1412 (Vetoed): shoplifting; prior offenses**

For purposes of the enhanced class 4 felony sentencing classification that applies to a person who commits shoplifting and has previously committed or been convicted of certain outlined offenses within the past five years, requires that any time that a person spent on absconder status while on probation, on escape status or incarcerated be excluded from the five-year calculation.

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**SB 1435 (Vetoed): public entity liability; sexual offenses**

Subjects a public entity to liability for losses arising out of an act or omission by a public employee that is determined to be a felony sexual offense under certain circumstances. Repeals these changes on January 1, 2027.

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**SB 1628 (Vetoed): sex-based terms; laws; rules; regulations**

Entitled the *Arizona Women's Bill of Rights*, requires any policy, program, rule or law that prohibits sex discrimination to also prohibit the unfair treatment of a female or male in relation to a similarly situated member of the opposite sex. Makes other related changes to statute, including allowing state entities to provide separate single-sex environments for males or females in certain circumstances; defining sex-based terms; requiring certain terminology changes in statute and other legal authorities; and imposing reporting requirements on certain state entities.

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