

REFERENCE TITLE: prisoners; medical records; family access

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Introduced by
Representatives Shah: Blackman, Longdon

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 31, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 31-224.01; RELATING TO PRISONERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 31, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 31-224.01, to read:

4 31-224.01. Prisoner medical records; release to immediate
5 family; medical recommendation; definition

6 A. A PRISONER MAY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE THE
7 PRISONER'S MEDICAL RECORD TO A MEMBER OF THE PRISONER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.
8 IF AUTHORIZED BY THE PRISONER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RELEASE THE PRISONER'S
9 MEDICAL RECORD TO A MEMBER OF THE PRISONER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

10 B. A MEMBER OF THE PRISONER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO
11 RECEIVE THE PRISONER'S MEDICAL RECORD MAY SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION ON
12 BEHALF OF THE PRISONER TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE
13 PRISONER. THE RECOMMENDATION MUST BE FROM A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS
14 RECENTLY REVIEWED THE PRISONER'S MEDICAL RECORD OR WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY
15 TREATED THE PRISONER FOR A MEDICAL CONDITION.

16 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MEDICAL RECORD" INCLUDES ANY
17 MEDICAL RECORD THAT IS RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A MEDICAL
18 PROFESSIONAL AND THAT RELATES TO MEDICAL TREATMENT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO
19 THE PRISONER WHILE IN A DEPARTMENT FACILITY.