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dude ranches; historical markers

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HOUSE BILL 2145

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 41-826 AND 41-867, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section. 1. Section 41-826, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 41-826. Permanent Arizona historical society revolving fund
5 A. ~~A~~ THE permanent Arizona historical society revolving fund is
6 established consisting of ~~monies received pursuant to subsection B of this~~
7 ~~section.~~ ALL THE FOLLOWING:
8 ~~B~~. 1. All monies received by the society from ~~the operation of~~
9 OPERATING gift shops, book shops, ~~AND~~ food service facilities, ~~and FROM~~
10 charges for the use of or admission into any of the society's facilities
11 ~~shall be~~ AND deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, ~~into this~~
12 IN THE fund.
13 2. GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND.
14 ~~C~~. B. Fund monies shall be spent by the society for ALL OF THE
15 FOLLOWING:
16 1. Enhancing the programs of the society, ~~or~~ operating or
17 improving its facilities.
18 2. ISSUING HISTORICAL MARKERS FOR A DUDE RANCH THAT IS DESIGNATED
19 FOR INCLUSION IN THE ARIZONA DUDE RANCH HERITAGE TRAIL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
20 BY SECTION 41-867.
21 ~~D~~. C. The Arizona historical society shall prepare an annual
22 report ~~which~~ THAT accounts for all permanent Arizona historical society
23 monies received, from where received and for what purposes ~~such~~ THE monies
24 were used during the fiscal year. The report shall include plans for the
25 ensuing fiscal year. The report shall be presented to the legislature
26 during January of each year.
27 ~~E~~. D. On notice from the director, the state treasurer shall
28 invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by section 35-313, and
29 monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund.
30 ~~F~~. E. All monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of
31 section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.
32 Sec. 2. Section 41-867, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
33 read:
34 41-867. Arizona dude ranch heritage trail program; Arizona
35 heritage ranch designation; plaque; Arizona
36 heritage trail; historical marker
37 A. The Arizona dude ranch heritage trail program is established in
38 the Arizona state parks board to serve as a guide to working dude ranches
39 in this state.
40 B. The Arizona state parks board shall designate a dude ranch for
41 inclusion in the Arizona dude ranch heritage trail program if all of the
42 following apply:
43 1. The owner of the dude ranch applies to the Arizona state parks
44 board in a manner determined by the Arizona state parks board.

- 1 2. The dude ranch has been in business for at least twenty-five
2 years.
- 3 3. The dude ranch consists of at least one thousand contiguous
4 acres that are any of the following:
- 5 (a) Private property adjacent to the headquarters.
6 (b) Leased property adjacent to the headquarters. For the purposes
7 of this subdivision, the lease agreement may be for private or public real
8 property and must be in writing and include riding rights.
9 (c) Public land that is subject to a riding permit.
- 10 4. The dude ranch provides recreational activities that include
11 horseback riding, hiking, biking or a working cattle ranch experience for
12 guests.
- 13 5. The dude ranch has an organized and supervised horse program on
14 the property with a horse herd that consists of a number of horses that is
15 equal to or greater than the total number of guest accommodations.
- 16 6. The dude ranch uses at least one permanent structure that has
17 running water, sewage disposal and a kitchen.
- 18 7. The dude ranch provides guests with three meals each day as part
19 of the dude ranch's primary package, commonly referred to as the "American
20 plan".
- 21 8. The dude ranch includes the word "ranch" or "rancho" in the
22 ranch's name.
- 23 C. The Arizona state parks board shall make a determination on the
24 designation within thirty days after receiving an application pursuant to
25 this section.
- 26 D. The Arizona state parks board in cooperation with the largest
27 dude ranch or guest ranch association in this state shall develop indicia
28 and signage that ranches may use to identify and promote the Arizona
29 heritage ranch designation. The applicant shall pay for the cost of
30 designing and creating the plaque.
- 31 E. The Arizona state parks board shall allow additions or
32 modifications to a dude ranch with designation as an Arizona heritage
33 ranch if the original character of the dude ranch is preserved.
- 34 F. The Arizona dude ranch heritage trail shall consist of dude
35 ranches that are designated as an Arizona heritage ranch pursuant to this
36 section.
- 37 G. AT THE REQUEST OF A DUDE RANCH THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR INCLUSION
38 ON THE ARIZONA DUDE RANCH HERITAGE TRAIL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B
39 OF THIS SECTION, THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
40 ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD AND THE LARGEST DUDE RANCH OR GUEST RANCH
41 ASSOCIATION IN THIS STATE, SHALL ISSUE A HISTORICAL MARKER FOR THE DUDE
42 RANCH WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE REQUEST.

