

REFERENCE TITLE: state properties; grass lawns; prohibition

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-795; RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE PROPERTIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 4, article 7, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-795, to read:

4 41-795. State property; grass lawns; exception

5 A. BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
6 MAY NOT INSTALL NATURAL GRASS ON THE GROUNDS OF ANY STATE PROPERTY EXCEPT
7 TO REPLACE EXISTING NATURAL GRASS FOR RECREATIONAL USE OR INSTALL NEW
8 NATURAL GRASS FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

9 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REMOVE ANY NATURAL GRASS ON THE GROUNDS OF
10 ALL STATE PROPERTY AND SHALL REPLACE THE NATURAL GRASS WITH ARTIFICIAL
11 TURF OR XERISCAPE.

12 C. EXCEPT FOR THE LAWNS ON WESLEY BOLIN PLAZA, THIS SECTION DOES
13 NOT APPLY TO STATE PROPERTY THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEGISLATIVE
14 COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 41-1304.05.

15 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

16 The legislature intends to reduce its water consumption by replacing
17 natural grass lawns on state property with artificial turf or xeriscape
18 and encourages political subdivisions in this state to convert natural
19 grass lawns to artificial turf or xeriscape.