

REFERENCE TITLE: hotel; motel; vouchers; homeless; prohibition

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House of Representatives
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HB 2379

Introduced by
Representatives Gress: Gillette, Heap, Smith, Senators Shamp, Wadsack

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 9-500.49; AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 11-269.27; RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 9-500.49 to read:
4 9-500.49. Hotel and motel homeless housing vouchers;
5 participation; prohibition; definitions
6 A. A CITY OR TOWN MAY NOT REQUIRE A HOTEL OR MOTEL TO PARTICIPATE
7 IN ANY PROGRAM THAT HOUSES HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN AN
8 UNOCCUPIED HOTEL OR MOTEL GUEST ROOM THROUGH THE USE OF A HOUSING VOUCHER.
9 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
10 1. "HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES" MEANS INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES
11 WHO LACK A FIXED, REGULAR AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE OR WHO HAVE A
12 PRIMARY NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE IN A SHELTER, ON THE STREET, IN A PARK, IN A
13 VEHICLE OR IN AN ENCLOSURE THAT IS NOT AUTHORIZED FOR HUMAN HABITATION.
14 2. "HOTEL" OR "MOTEL" MEANS AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES FOR
15 PAYMENT TEMPORARY LODGING IN THE FORM OF OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS IN GUEST
16 ROOMS TO TRANSIENT PATRONS.
17 Sec. 2. Title 11, chapter 2, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes,
18 is amended by adding section 11-269.27 to read:
19 11-269.27. Hotel and motel homeless housing vouchers;
20 participation; prohibition; definitions
21 A. A COUNTY MAY NOT REQUIRE A HOTEL OR MOTEL TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY
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