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state agencies; veterans status; inquiry

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# HOUSE BILL 2670

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1801 AND 41-601, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-603.02; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-1801, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-1801. Definitions

5 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Armed forces of the United States" ~~means the army, the navy,~~  
7 ~~the air force, the marine corps, the coast guard, the commissioned corps~~  
8 ~~of the United States public health services, the national oceanographic~~  
9 ~~and atmospheric administration, the national guard and any military~~  
10 ~~reserve unit of any branch of the armed forces of the United States~~ HAS  
11 THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 41-601.

12 2. "Continuous attendance" means enrollment at an educational  
13 institution in this state as a full-time student, as such term is defined  
14 by the governing body of the educational institution, for a normal  
15 academic year since the beginning of the period for which continuous  
16 attendance is claimed. Such person need not attend summer sessions or any  
17 other intersession beyond the normal academic year in order to maintain  
18 continuous attendance.

19 3. "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed and permanent home and  
20 place of habitation. It is the place where he intends to remain and to  
21 which he expects to return when he leaves without intending to establish a  
22 new domicile elsewhere.

23 4. "Emancipated person" means a person who is neither under a legal  
24 duty of service to his parent nor entitled to the support of such parent  
25 under the laws of this state.

26 5. "Parent" means a person's father or mother, or if one parent has  
27 custody, that parent, or if there is no surviving parent or the  
28 whereabouts of the parents are unknown, then a guardian of an  
29 unemancipated person if there are not circumstances indicating that such  
30 guardianship was created primarily for the purpose of conferring the  
31 status of an in-state student on such unemancipated person.

32 Sec. 2. Section 41-601, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
33 read:

34 41-601. Definitions

35 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

36 1. "ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES" MEANS THE ARMY, THE NAVY,  
37 THE AIR FORCE, THE SPACE FORCE, THE MARINE CORPS, THE COAST GUARD, THE  
38 COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, THE  
39 NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, THE NATIONAL GUARD  
40 AND ANY MILITARY RESERVE UNIT OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
41 UNITED STATES.

42 ~~1.~~ 2. "Commission" means the Arizona veterans' service advisory  
43 commission.

44 ~~2.~~ 3. "Department" means the department of veterans' services.

1           ~~3.~~ 4. "Director" means the director of the department of veterans'  
2 services.

3           ~~4.~~ 5. "Veteran" means a citizen of the United States who was  
4 enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned and who was accepted for and  
5 assigned to active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

6           Sec. 3. Title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
7 is amended by adding section 41-603.02, to read:

8           41-603.02. State agencies; veterans status; inquiry; forms  
9           ALL STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE  
10 UNITS OF THIS STATE SHALL:

11           1. ASK EVERY INDIVIDUAL AT THE INITIAL POINT OF SERVICE WITH THAT  
12 INDIVIDUAL AND PRINT ON EACH APPLICATION FORM THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:  
13 "HAVE YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY?"

14           2. PROVIDE A WEBSITE ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE  
15 DEPARTMENT AND FOR THE BE CONNECTED PROGRAM TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ANSWER IN  
16 THE AFFIRMATIVE TO THE QUESTION PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SECTION.

17           Sec. 4. Appropriation; department of veterans' services

18           The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in  
19 fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of veterans' services for costs  
20 associated with including the United States space force as an enumerated  
21 branch pursuant to 38 United States Code section 101 and 10 United States  
22 Code section 101.

23           Sec. 5. Effective date

24           This act is effective from and after December 31, 2023.