

House Engrossed Senate Bill  
veteran suicide prevention; pilot program

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# SENATE BILL 1454

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 5-382, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR  
RENUMBERING; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1.1, ARIZONA REVISED  
STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 41-511.25; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3,  
ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-610.02;  
REPEALING SECTION 41-610.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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 5-382, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 5-382. State lake improvement fund; administration; report

5 A. A state lake improvement fund is established. Monies deposited  
6 in the fund shall be used only as provided in this section.

7 B. All monies in the state lake improvement fund are appropriated  
8 to the Arizona state parks board solely for the purposes provided in this  
9 section. Interest earned on monies in the fund shall be credited to the  
10 fund. Monies in the state lake improvement fund are exempt from the  
11 provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

12 C. The Arizona state parks board shall administer the monies in the  
13 fund as follows:

14 1. To fund staff support to plan and administer the state lake  
15 improvement fund in conjunction with other administrative tasks and  
16 recreation plans of the board.

17 2. To fund projects on waters where gasoline powered boats are  
18 permitted and shall be limited to the following:

19 (a) Public launching ramps.

20 (b) Public piers, marinas or marina stadia.

21 (c) Public toilets, sanitation facilities and domestic waters.

22 (d) Public picnic tables and facilities.

23 (e) Public parking areas.

24 (f) Lake construction or improvement.

25 (g) Marking buoys and other safety facilities.

26 (h) Watercraft.

27 (i) Public campgrounds.

28 (j) Acquisition of real and personal property through purchase,  
29 lease, agreement or otherwise for the purpose of providing access to  
30 waters where boating is permitted.

31 (k) Design and engineering projects.

32 D. Projects involving expenditure of monies from such fund may be  
33 accomplished by the Arizona state parks board, by the Arizona game and  
34 fish commission, by the board of supervisors of any county or by the  
35 governing body of a city or town, provided such projects do not interfere  
36 with any vested water rights, or the operation or maintenance of water  
37 projects, including domestic, municipal, irrigation district, drainage  
38 district, flood control district or reclamation projects. The Arizona  
39 outdoor recreation coordinating commission, established by section  
40 ~~41-511.25~~ 41-518, shall examine applications for eligible projects,  
41 determine the amount of funding, if any, for each project and submit a  
42 list of projects, subject to prior review by the joint committee on  
43 capital review, to the Arizona state parks board for allocation from the  
44 fund. The board shall annually report to the legislature the expenditures

1 made for such projects in conjunction with the report required by section  
2 41-511.12.

3 E. State lake improvement funds may be used on projects where  
4 matching funds are made available.

5 Sec. 2. Renumber

6 Sections 41-511.25 and 41-511.26, Arizona Revised Statutes, are  
7 renumbered as sections 41-518 and 41-518.01, respectively.

8 Sec. 3. Title 41, chapter 3, article 1.1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
9 is amended by adding a new section 41-511.25, to read:

10 41-511.25. Arizona veterans memorial state park

11 A. THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE ARIZONA  
12 VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

13 1. THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD PURCHASES THE ARIZONA VETERANS  
14 MEMORIAL STATE PARK SITE PURSUANT TO TITLE 37, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3.

15 2. THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL REVIEW APPROVES THE DESIGN AND  
16 CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL.

17 3. THE SITE PURCHASED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION IS  
18 LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN FOUR MILLION PERSONS  
19 AND WITHIN TWO MILES OF A VETERAN'S NATIONAL CEMETERY.

20 B. THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD MAY ENTER INTO AN  
21 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE 11, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3  
22 WITH THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PARK IS LOCATED FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND  
23 PRESERVATION OF THE ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK.

24 Sec. 4. Title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
25 is amended by adding section 41-610.02, to read:

26 41-610.02. Veteran suicide prevention training pilot program;  
27 annual report

28 A. THE VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM IS  
29 ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER CLAIMS EXAMINERS AND COUNTY AND  
30 MUNICIPAL VETERAN SERVICE OFFICES SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION  
31 IN PREVENTING VETERAN SUICIDES.

32 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS  
33 EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING VETERAN-RELEVANT AND  
34 EVIDENCE-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING TO DEVELOP THE TRAINING  
35 CURRICULUM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND OVERSEE THE PROCESS FOR  
36 SELECTING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND CERTIFYING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO  
37 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.

38 C. THE PROGRAM SHALL TRAIN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO DO THE  
39 FOLLOWING:

40 1. IDENTIFY INDICATORS OF ELEVATED SUICIDE RISK IN VETERANS.

41 2. PROVIDE EMERGENCY CRISIS REFERRALS FOR VETERANS EXPRESSING OR  
42 EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS.

43 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
44 SECTION.

1 E. ON OR BEFORE JULY 30 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A  
2 REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PILOT PROGRAM AND  
4 WHETHER ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE  
5 PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS. IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FINAL REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT  
6 SHALL RECOMMEND WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

7 Sec. 5. Delayed repeal

8 Section 41-610.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,  
9 is repealed from and after December 31, 2027.

10 Sec. 6. Appropriation; Arizona state parks board; reversion

11 A. The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the state parks  
12 revenue fund established by section 41-511.21, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
13 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona state parks board to purchase,  
14 design and construct the Arizona veterans memorial state park site  
15 pursuant to section 41-511.25, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this  
16 act.

17 B. All monies appropriated in subsection A of this section  
18 remaining unexpended and unencumbered on July 1, 2025 revert to the state  
19 parks revenue fund.