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drug cartels; terrorist organizations

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2038**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENACTING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF A MEASURE RELATING  
TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
2 the Senate concurring:

3 1. Under the power of the referendum, as vested in the Legislature,  
4 the following measure, relating to the Arizona department of homeland  
5 security, is enacted to become valid as a law if approved by the voters  
6 and on proclamation of the Governor:

7 AN ACT

8 AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 41, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED  
9 STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-4256; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA  
10 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

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

12 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 41, article 1, Arizona  
13 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-4256, to  
14 read:

15 41-4256. Drug cartels; terrorist organizations;  
16 definitions

17 A. THIS STATE DECLARES THAT DRUG CARTELS ARE TERRORIST  
18 ORGANIZATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS  
19 AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS THE THREAT POSED BY DRUG CARTELS.

20 B. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SUPPORTS AN ALIEN'S CLAIM  
21 FOR ASYLUM UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

22 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

23 1. "DRUG CARTEL" MEANS AN ONGOING FORMAL OR INFORMAL  
24 ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS IN WHICH MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATES  
25 INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY ENGAGE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (a) HUMAN SMUGGLING.

27 (b) DRUG TRAFFICKING FOR PROFIT.

28 (c) ANY ACT OF TERRORISM DEFINED IN SECTION 13-2301.

29 2. "THREAT" MEANS ANYTHING DESIGNED TO DISTURB, VIOLATE  
30 OR CAUSE HARM TO INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS GUARANTEED UNDER THE STATE  
31 AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS OR TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH OR  
32 GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE.

33 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the  
34 voters at the next general election as provided by article IV, part 1,  
35 section 1, Constitution of Arizona.