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Representative Toma

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-196, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 41-196, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-196. Witness protection

5 A. The director of the department of public safety with the
6 concurrence of the attorney general may ~~upon~~ ON the director's own
7 initiative or at the request of any county attorney or law enforcement
8 agency provide for the security of government witnesses, potential
9 government witnesses and their immediate families in official criminal or
10 civil proceedings instituted or investigations pending against a person
11 alleged to have engaged in ~~a violation of~~ VIOLATING the law. Providing
12 for this security of witnesses may include provision of housing facilities
13 and for the health, safety and welfare of such witnesses and their
14 immediate families, if testimony by such a witness might subject the
15 witness or a member of ~~his~~ THE WITNESS'S immediate family to a danger of
16 bodily injury, and may continue ~~so~~ FOR AS long as such danger exists. The
17 director of the department of public safety, with the concurrence of the
18 attorney general, may authorize the purchase, rental or modification of
19 protected housing facilities for the purpose of this section. ~~He~~ THE
20 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY may also, with the concurrence
21 of the attorney general, contract with any government or department of
22 government to obtain or to provide the facilities or services to carry out
23 this section. Any appropriation for witness protection shall be made to
24 and administered by the department of public safety.

25 B. The offer of protection to a person may be conditioned by the
26 director of the department of public safety ~~upon~~ ON reimbursement in whole
27 or part to the state by a government of the cost of maintaining and
28 protecting such person.

29 C. Monies deposited in the anti-racketeering revolving fund
30 established pursuant to section 13-2314.01 may be used for witness
31 protection.