

REFERENCE TITLE: veterans' benefits; claims; prohibition; notice

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## **HB 2792**

Introduced by  
Representatives Travers, Gillette, Payne, Seaman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 41-610.03; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S  
SERVICES.

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-610.03, to read:

4 41-610.03. Veterans' benefits; claims; prohibition;  
5 notification; accreditation; definition

6 A. A PERSON MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION DIRECTLY FROM AN  
7 INDIVIDUAL REGARDING A VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. ADVISING, CONSULTING OR ASSISTING THE INDIVIDUAL REGARDING A  
9 VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTER BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES OR  
10 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

11 2. REFERRING THE INDIVIDUAL TO ANOTHER PERSON TO PREPARE, PRESENT  
12 OR PROSECUTE A CLAIM OR TO ADVISE, CONSULT OR ASSIST THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A  
13 VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTER BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES OR  
14 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

15 B. A PERSON WHO ADVISES, CONSULTS OR ASSISTS AN INDIVIDUAL  
16 REGARDING A VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE  
17 ACCREDITED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. BEFORE A  
18 PERSON ADVISES, CONSULTS OR ASSISTS AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDING A VETERANS'  
19 BENEFITS MATTER, THE PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL OF THE FREE  
20 SERVICES THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES OFFER TO FILE ANY BENEFITS CLAIMS.

22 C. THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES SHALL POST IN A VISIBLE AND  
23 PROMINENT SECTION ON THE HOME PAGE OF ITS WEBSITE ALL FREE SERVICES THAT  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES OFFERS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO  
25 FILE ANY BENEFITS CLAIMS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

26 D. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A DIVISION OF FEES BETWEEN  
27 ATTORNEYS THAT IS OTHERWISE PROPER PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL  
28 CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT.

29 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTER"  
30 MEANS ANY BENEFIT, PROGRAM, SERVICE, COMMODITY, FUNCTION OR STATUS THE  
31 ENTITLEMENT TO WHICH IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES  
32 OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PERTAINING TO  
33 VETERANS, THEIR DEPENDENTS, THEIR SURVIVORS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL  
34 ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH BENEFITS.