

House Engrossed Senate Bill

firefighters; peace officers; PTSD; therapy

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CHAPTER 203

SENATE BILL 1677

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 23, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 23-972; RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 23, chapter 6, article 4, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 23-972, to read:

4 23-972. Coverage; firefighters; peace officers;
5 post-traumatic stress disorder; annual report;
6 definitions

7 A. EMPLOYERS SHALL PROVIDE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO
8 FIREFIGHTERS AND CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH
9 POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER BY A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
10 AND WHO HAVE AN ACCEPTED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR POST-TRAUMATIC
11 STRESS DISORDER UNDER THIS TITLE. IF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION
12 REVEALS A TREATMENT PROTOCOL OF MIDOMAFETAMINE IS DEEMED A REASONABLE AND
13 NECESSARY TREATMENT AND FOLLOWS THE TREATMENT GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY
14 THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE MAY
15 INCLUDE ONE COMPLETE COURSE OF A TREATMENT PROTOCOL OF MIDOMAFETAMINE AS
16 PRESCRIBED BY A PSYCHIATRIST.

17 B. MIDOMAFETAMINE PRESCRIBED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MEET THE
18 REQUIREMENTS UNDER TITLE 36, CHAPTER 27 FOR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

19 C. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026 THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A
20 REPORT OF THE COSTS OF TREATMENT FOR MIDOMAFETAMINE UNDER THIS SECTION FOR
21 FIREFIGHTERS AND CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
22 COMMITTEE ANNUALLY.

23 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

24 1. "CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
25 SECTION 38-842.

26 2. "FIREFIGHTER" MEANS A PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER WHO IS A MEMBER
27 OF A CITY, TOWN, COUNTY OR FIRE DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

28 3. "LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL" MEANS A LICENSED
29 INDIVIDUAL WHO SPECIALIZES IN TRAUMA AND CRISIS, WHO USES EVIDENCE-BASED
30 TREATMENT OPTIONS AND WHO IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

31 (a) A PSYCHIATRIST WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13
32 OR 17.

33 (b) A PSYCHOLOGIST WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32,
34 CHAPTER 19.1.

35 4. "PSYCHIATRIST" MEANS A PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO
36 TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13 OR 17.

37 5. "TREATMENT PROTOCOL OF MIDOMAFETAMINE" MEANS A PROCESS OF
38 TREATMENT THAT HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG
39 ADMINISTRATION FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND THAT USES
40 MIDOMAFETAMINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THERAPY SESSIONS.

1 Sec. 2. Conditional enactment; notice

2 A. Section 23-972, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,
3 does not become effective unless on or before December 31, 2025 the United
4 States food and drug administration approves the use of midomafetamine for
5 the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.

6 B. The department of health services shall notify the director of
7 the Arizona legislative council and the director of the industrial
8 commission of Arizona in writing on or before February 2, 2026 either:

- 9 1. The date on which the condition was met.
10 2. That the condition was not met.

11 Sec. 3. Industrial commission of Arizona report

12 On notification from the department of health services, the
13 industrial commission of Arizona shall assign reimbursement values in its
14 schedule of fees and publish guidelines on billing and reimbursement
15 practices for midomafetamine.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 18, 2024.

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