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# Arizona State House LD-1 2025

# **Legislation Sponsored**

# Protecting Individual Rights and Liberties - Secure Elections

#### HB 2021 -

#### early ballots; early voting; identification

Brings confidence to Arizona elections by reducing wait times for election results. Early ballots are due by 7:00 p.m. Friday before the election. ID must be shown to drop off an early ballot on election day. Adds three days to the front end of the early voting period.

#### HB 2129 – Signed into Law

# write-in candidates; filings; ballots

Reduces unnecessary ballot length and pages that can lead to voter fatigue and counting errors.

Amended – NOW: **inactive voters, hand counts, alternates** - Outlines procedures for hand count audits, clarifies nomination and petition requirements for justices of the peace, and establishes procedures for inactive voters that requested an early ballot.

#### **Government Transparency**

#### HB 2023 -

#### municipal; general plan; adoption

Provides for transparency in government by allowing cities and towns with a population of less than 10,000 to submit a new general plan to the voters for ratification

# Promote Public Safety - Support Law Enforcement

#### HB 2024 -

#### prisoners; transition program

Reduces crime rates and inmate recidivism by tailoring transition services based on eligibility requirements

#### HB 2582 - Signed into Law

#### failure to maintain medical records

Further reforms sober living homes by preventing fraud, waste, and abuse using Medicaid by requiring medical records for services

# Care for Vulnerable Populations

# HB 2207 - Signed into Law

#### child sex trafficking; juvenile defendants

Under the 8th Amendment of the US Constitution, protects children who are victims of sex trafficking

Represents Legislative District 1 which encompasses most of Yavapai County. Having lived in LD-1 since 1971, has a deep respect for our rich history and is dedicated to protecting and strengthening Arizona.

# Committees

#### Chair

- Health & Human Services

#### Member

- Judiciary
- Transportation and Infrastructure

# **Accomplishments**

- Prime Sponsor of 56 bills
- 21 bills passed out of the House
- 13 bills signed into law

# Also . . .

#### **Majority Plan includes:**

- -Protect Individual Rights and Liberties
- -Preserve the American Dream
- -Promote Public Safety

# Passed a structurally balanced, conservative budget that prioritized –

- Supporting public safety
- Limited government
- Lower costs for Arzona families
- Protecting school choice
- Requiring government accountability
- Cut spending by \$100 million
- Lower Taxes through no new tax increases, no new debt, and no use of the Rainy-Day
  Fund.

# HB 2581 - Signed into Law

#### tracking system; sexual assault kits

Establishes the use of a statewide sexual assault kit evidence tracking system to monitor the collection, storage, analysis, and care of sexual assault kits

#### HB 2182 -

#### **ALTCS (Arizona Long Term Care Services)**

Supports law enforcement and caregivers by protecting vulnerable adults with cognitive and physical impairments concerning functional ability by using inperson interviews instead of phone or virtual visits

## Safe and Secure Schools

#### HB 2022 -

# school safety; employee certification; policies

Takes a proactive approach to safeguarding schools by empowering staff with training, resources, and, where necessary, the ability to protect students during active threats

## HB 2179 - Signed into Law

# marijuana; advertising; restrictions

Protects children by preventing cannabis dispensaries from targeting youths in the advertising of marijuana products

# Preserve the American Dream –

# **Housing Shortage**

#### HB 2136 -

#### industrial development bonds; preapproval; threshold

Reduces the cost of housing in rural Arizona by allowing smaller cities and towns to conduct the same review procedures without the current burdensome and duplicative steps

#### HB 2189 -

#### mobile home park managers; training

Addresses transparency in the rising rent prices in lots under mobile home units

#### HB 2308 -

## vacation rentals; ordinance; limits; exemption

Gives cities and towns back the ability to regulate the number and density of short-term rentals

#### HB 2131 -

#### short-term rentals; online lodging marketplace

Holds online lodging marketplaces like Airbnb and Vrbo responsible for verifying licensure and requirements of short-term rentals

#### HB 2309 -

# vacation rentals; short-term rentals; restrictions

Allows cities and towns to regulate vacation rentals or short-term rentals in the same manner as transient lodging

#### HB 2783 -

#### Accessory dwelling units; population; regulations

Allows smaller cities and towns local control by allowing input on the regulation for accessory dwelling units on lots zoned for residential use

#### **Protecting Arizona Water and Land Resources**

#### HB 2127 - Signed into Law

#### hazardous substance release; notice; liability

Prevents foreign countries from purchasing mineral rights to subsequently contaminate U.S. properties, the example being Senator Mine in Prescott, Arizona

#### HB 2128 - Signed into Law

#### environmental remediation; liability; release

Allows responsible third parties, such as environmental organizations and reputable mining companies, to clean up contaminated mining sites without being held liable for the damage caused by previous bad actors.

#### **HCM 2007 - Signed into Law**

# hardrock mines; remediation; urging support

Urges the State Mine Inspector and ADEQ to work with federal agencies and the private sector to complete the remediation of abandoned mines

#### HB 2135 -

#### unlawful camping; stock; wildlife; access

Protects livestock and wildlife access to scarce water sources

#### HB 2697 -

#### water; residential lease communities

Requires the build-to-rent developers to be held to the same 100-year assured water supply certificate as build-to-sell developers in active management areas

#### **Access to Healthcare**

#### HB 2132 -

#### hospitals; outpatient surgical centers; nurses

Provide for patient safety by assuring a nurse is in the operating room

#### HB 2028 -

#### genetic counselors; board; licensure

Protects the public from medical harm by clarifying the role of licensed genetic counselors

#### HB 2027 -

#### behavior analysts; regulatory board

Reorganizes licensure for behavior analysts by re-aligning them with the Psychology Board, thereby reducing redundancy and streamlining the process for licensure

#### HB 2145 - Signed into Law

#### Registered sanitarians; qualifications

Reduces overly burdensome requirements that create barriers to entry and recruitment difficulties for health inspectors

#### HB 2134 -

#### physician assistants; qualifications

Protects the healthcare of Arizonans by requiring applicants who have passed the national certifying exam and have graduated from an accredited program may be licensed in Arizona

# HB 2133 - Signed into Law

#### nurses; provisional licensure

Expedites nursing licensure by reducing wait times for licenses to be issued

#### HB 2130 -

#### insurance; claims denials; contact person

Requires insurers to provide a point-of-contact for each denial as well as a complete list of reasons for the denial

### HB 2025 - Signed into Law

#### medical assistants; scope of practice

To address the shortage of physicians, this bill allows medical assistants to place and remove urinary catheters under supervision

#### HB 2190 -

#### dentists; dental hygienists; compact

Facilitates the practice of dentistry and dental hygienists by streamlining the licensure process

#### HB 2026 - Signed into Law

# dental board; formal hearings

Removes a double-step process for formal hearing that brings the dental board in line with other healthcare boards

#### HB 2137 - Signed into Law

#### dental board; licensure; renewal

A clean-up bill that removes reference to a testing agency that no longer exists.

#### HB 2208 -

#### pharmacists; pharmacies; reimbursement costs; appeals

Addresses anticompetitive and unfair pharmacy reimbursement rates by pharmacy benefit managers (PMBs) and insurers to independent and rural pharmacies thereby reducing costs to consumers through fair competitive practices

#### HB 2138 -

#### **AHCCCS**; naturopathic physicians

Increases consumer choice and reduces healthcare costs by including naturopathic physicians in the definition of physicians that can provide covered services

#### HB 2583 - Signed into Law

# physical therapists; imaging; laboratory tests

Facilitates and streamlines the patient care process by allowing physical therapists to assist physicians in the order of imaging and lab tests

#### HB 2180 - Signed into Law

#### acute care services; pilot program

Allows hospitals to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes by treating patients at home instead of in the hospital.

#### HB 2310 -

#### advance practice nurse (APRN) compact

increases access to care by reducing barriers to work for advanced practice nurses by recognizing licensure portability in Arizona

#### HB 2584 -

#### nonemergency medical transportation; study

Reduces costs and streamlines nonemergency medical transportation services by providing transparency in actual costs of services and reimbursement rates