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CHAPTER 37
HOUSE BILL 2457

AN ACT

CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF TITLE 22, CHAPTER 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, TO "HOMELESS, VETERANS AND MENTAL HEALTH COURTS"; AMENDING SECTIONS 22-601 AND 22-602, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HOMELESS, VETERANS AND MENTAL HEALTH COURTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The chapter heading of title 22, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes,
4 is changed from "HOMELESS COURT" to "HOMELESS, VETERANS AND MENTAL HEALTH
5 COURTS".

6 Sec. 2. Section 22-601, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

7 22-601. Homeless, veterans and mental health courts:
8 establishment; eligibility for referral

9 A. The presiding judge of the superior court in each county may
10 establish a homeless court, VETERANS COURT AND MENTAL HEALTH COURT to
11 adjudicate cases filed in a justice court or a municipal court in the county.

12 B. The presiding judge of the superior court shall establish the
13 eligibility criteria for referral to the homeless court, VETERANS COURT OR
14 MENTAL HEALTH COURT.

15 C. A justice of the peace or municipal court judge who has
16 jurisdiction over a case that meets the eligibility criteria may refer the
17 case to the homeless court, VETERANS COURT OR MENTAL HEALTH COURT.

18 D. The originating court shall notify the prosecutor of any criminal
19 case referred to the homeless court, VETERANS COURT OR MENTAL HEALTH COURT.

20 Sec. 3. Section 22-602, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

21 22-602. Homeless, veterans and mental health courts
22 jurisdiction; judicial officer's authority to
23 adjudicate

24 A. The originating justice court or municipal court shall maintain
25 jurisdiction of a case that is referred to the homeless court, VETERANS COURT
26 OR MENTAL HEALTH COURT pursuant to section 22-601.

27 B. Any judicial officer in the county where the offense occurred shall
28 have the authority to adjudicate a case referred to the homeless court,
29 VETERANS COURT OR MENTAL HEALTH COURT.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 15, 2014.

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