

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-second Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2015

# HOUSE BILL 2488

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-3955.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 41-3955.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT; RELATING TO HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 41-3955.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 41-3955.01. Seriously mentally ill housing trust fund; purpose;  
5 report

6 A. The seriously mentally ill housing trust fund is established. The  
7 director of the department of health services shall administer the fund. The  
8 fund consists of monies received pursuant to section 44-313 and investment  
9 earnings.

10 B. On notice from the department of health services, the state  
11 treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by section  
12 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund.

13 C. Fund monies shall be spent on approval of the department of health  
14 services solely for housing projects AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE for ~~the~~ seriously  
15 mentally ill PERSONS.

16 D. The director of the department of health services shall report  
17 annually to the legislature on the status of the seriously mentally ill  
18 housing trust fund. The report shall include a summary of facilities for  
19 which funding was provided during the preceding fiscal year and shall show  
20 the cost and geographic location of each facility and the number of  
21 individuals benefiting from the operation, construction or renovation of the  
22 facility. The report shall be submitted to the president of the senate and  
23 the speaker of the house of representatives no later than September 1 of each  
24 year.

25 E. Monies in the seriously mentally ill housing trust fund are exempt  
26 from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

27 F. An amount not to exceed ten ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT of the seriously  
28 mentally ill housing trust fund monies may be appropriated annually by the  
29 legislature to the department of health services for administrative costs in  
30 providing services relating to the seriously mentally ill housing trust fund.

31 G. For any construction project financed by the department of health  
32 services pursuant to this section, the department of health services shall  
33 notify a city, town, county or tribal government that a project is planned  
34 for its jurisdiction and, before proceeding, shall seek comment from the  
35 governing body of the city, town, county or tribal government or an official  
36 authorized by the governing body of the city, town, county or tribal  
37 government. The department of health services shall not interfere with or  
38 attempt to override the local jurisdiction's planning, zoning or land use  
39 regulations.

40 Sec. 2. Section 41-3955.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by  
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33 Sec. 3. Effective date

34 Section 41-3955.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2  
35 of this act, is effective from and after December 31, 2017.