

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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2019

CHAPTER 151
HOUSE BILL 2271

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 1-318: RELATING TO HOLIDAYS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 1, chapter 3, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 1-318, to read:

4 1-318. Public lands day

5 A. THE FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL, IN EACH YEAR, SHALL BE OBSERVED AS
6 PUBLIC LANDS DAY.

7 B. PUBLIC LANDS DAY IS NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

8 Sec. 2. Legislative findings

9 The legislature finds that:

10 1. Arizona contains a variety of public lands, including parks,
11 monuments, preserves, national forests, rangelands, wildlife refuges and
12 wilderness areas.

13 2. Arizona's public lands are open and accessible to all persons,
14 no matter their place of residence, their race or their ethnicity or
15 whether they are rich or poor.

16 3. Arizona's public lands enrich the state's quality of life by
17 supporting the vitality of communities and providing traditional cultural
18 land-use values that represent Arizona's common heritage.

19 4. Arizona's public lands include snow-capped peaks, mile-deep
20 canyons, rushing rivers, grassy plains, desert landscapes and tree-lined
21 mountain valleys.

22 5. Arizona's public lands provide many benefits to residents and
23 visitors and support a wide variety of activities, from recreational
24 pursuits to natural resource development and uses.

25 6. Arizona's public lands have a substantial impact on economic
26 development and jobs through hunting, fishing, mineral extraction, timber
27 sales, ranching, tourism and outdoor recreational activities.

28 7. Arizona's public lands contribute to the state's clean air and
29 water and are a vital repository of precious and limited water sources.

30 8. The resources of these public lands, including water, minerals,
31 grass for livestock, timber and the native fish and wildlife belong to all
32 Americans and the sovereign nations that reside on these lands.

33 9. Arizona citizens of all races, ethnicities, occupations and
34 lifestyles continue to derive multiple benefits from the traditional,
35 long-standing multiple-use management philosophy of public lands under the
36 stewardship of federal and state land management agencies.

37 10. There is public support for policies incorporating a judicious
38 balance between aesthetic, recreational and economic values.

39 11. The prudent stewardship, conservation and tempered uses of all
40 public natural resources are worthy goals of all governing bodies.

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