

REFERENCE TITLE: essential businesses; firearms; ammunition; sales

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 26-303, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 26-303, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 26-303. Emergency powers of governor; termination;
5 authorization for adjutant general; limitation

6 A. During a state of war emergency, the governor may:

7 1. Suspend the provisions of any statute prescribing the procedure
8 for conduct of state business, or the orders or rules of any state agency,
9 if the governor determines and ~~declares~~ PROCLAIMS that strict compliance
10 with the provisions of any such statute, order or rule would in any way
11 prevent, hinder or delay mitigation of the effects of the emergency.

12 2. Commandeer and ~~utilize~~ USE any property, except for firearms or
13 ammunition or firearms or ammunition components, or personnel deemed
14 necessary in carrying out the responsibilities vested in the office of the
15 governor by this chapter as chief executive of ~~the~~ THIS state, and
16 thereafter ~~the~~ THIS state shall pay reasonable compensation ~~therefor~~ FOR
17 THE PROPERTY as follows:

18 (a) If property is taken for temporary use, the governor, within
19 ten days after the taking, shall determine the amount of compensation to
20 be paid ~~therefor~~ FOR THE PROPERTY. If the property is returned in a
21 damaged condition, the governor, within ten days after its return, shall
22 determine the amount of compensation to be paid for such damage.

23 (b) If the governor deems it necessary for ~~the~~ THIS state to take
24 title to property under this section, the governor shall then cause the
25 owner of the property to be notified thereof in writing by registered
26 mail, postage prepaid, and then cause a copy of the notice to be filed
27 with the secretary of state.

28 (c) If the owner refuses to accept the amount of compensation fixed
29 by the governor for the property referred to in subdivisions (a) and (b)
30 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, the amount of compensation shall be determined by
31 appropriate proceedings in the superior court in the county where the
32 property was originally taken.

33 B. During a state of war emergency, the governor shall have
34 complete authority over all agencies of the state government and shall
35 exercise all police power vested in this state by the constitution and
36 laws of this state in order to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

37 C. The powers granted TO the governor by this chapter with respect
38 to a state of war emergency shall terminate if the legislature is not in
39 session and the governor, within twenty-four hours after the beginning of
40 such A state of war emergency, has not issued a call for an immediate
41 special session of the legislature for the purpose of legislating on
42 subjects relating to such A state of war emergency.

1 D. The governor may proclaim a state of emergency, which shall take
2 effect immediately in an area affected or likely to be affected if the
3 governor finds that circumstances described in section 26-301, paragraph
4 15 exist.

5 E. During a state of emergency:

6 1. The governor shall have complete authority over all agencies of
7 the state government and the right to exercise, within the area
8 designated, all police power vested in ~~the~~ THIS state by the constitution
9 and laws of this state in order to effectuate the purposes of this
10 chapter.

11 2. The governor may direct all agencies of the state government to
12 ~~utilize~~ USE and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities ~~for the~~
13 ~~performance~~ TO PERFORM of any ~~and all~~ activities designed to prevent or
14 alleviate actual and threatened damage due to the emergency. The governor
15 may direct such agencies to provide supplemental services and equipment to
16 political subdivisions to restore any services in order to provide for the
17 health and safety of the citizens of the affected area.

18 F. The powers granted the governor by this chapter with respect to
19 a state of emergency shall terminate when the state of emergency has been
20 terminated by proclamation of the governor or by concurrent resolution of
21 the legislature declaring it at an end.

22 G. ~~No provision of~~ This chapter ~~may~~ DOES NOT limit, modify or
23 abridge the powers vested in the governor under the constitution or
24 statutes of this state.

25 H. If authorized by the governor, the adjutant general has the
26 powers prescribed in this subsection. If, in the judgment of the adjutant
27 general, circumstances described in section 26-301, paragraph 15 exist,
28 the adjutant general may:

29 1. Exercise those powers pursuant to statute and gubernatorial
30 authorization following the proclamation of a state of emergency under
31 subsection D of this section.

32 2. Incur obligations of ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~ \$100,000 or
33 less for each emergency or contingency payable pursuant to section 35-192
34 as though a state of emergency had been proclaimed under subsection D of
35 this section.

36 I. The powers exercised by the adjutant general pursuant to
37 subsection H of this section expire seventy-two hours after the adjutant
38 general makes a determination under subsection H of this section.

39 J. Pursuant to the second amendment of the United States
40 Constitution and article II, section 26, Constitution of Arizona, and
41 notwithstanding any other law, the emergency powers of the governor, the
42 adjutant general or any other official or person ~~shall~~ DO not ~~be construed~~
43 ~~to~~ allow the imposition of additional restrictions on the lawful
44 possession, transfer, sale, transportation, carrying, storage, display or
45 use of firearms or ammunition or firearms or ammunition components. A

1 STORE THAT SELLS FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION, OR FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION
2 COMPONENTS, IS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS, AND THERE MAY NOT BE ANY
3 RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE STORE'S NORMAL OPERATIONS.

4 K. ~~Nothing in~~ This section ~~shall be construed to~~ DOES NOT prohibit
5 the governor, the adjutant general or other officials responding to an
6 emergency from ordering the reasonable movement of stores of ammunition
7 out of the way of dangerous conditions.