

REFERENCE TITLE: **hospitals; visitation**

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-fifth Legislature  
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# **HB 2575**

Introduced by  
Representatives Nguyen: Bowers, Grantham, John, Kaiser, Shah, Toma

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-407.01; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-407.01, to read:

4 36-407.01. Hospitals; visitation; religious purposes

5 A HOSPITAL'S VISITATION POLICY MAY NOT DENY A PATIENT VISITATION  
6 FROM CLERGY FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, INCLUDING DURING A PANDEMIC. IN AN  
7 END-OF-LIFE SITUATION, A HOSPITAL MUST ALLOW CLERGY VISITATION REGARDLESS  
8 OF THE TIME OF DAY.

9 Sec. 2. Emergency

10 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
11 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
12 law.