

REFERENCE TITLE: law enforcement support; assistance groups

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Introduced by
Senator Rogers

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 40, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2; RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

(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 A. The chapter heading of title 41, chapter 40, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is changed from "ARIZONA RANGERS" to "LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT
5 AND ASSISTANCE GROUPS".

6 B. The article heading of title 41, chapter 40, article 1, Arizona
7 Revised Statutes, is changed from "GENERAL PROVISIONS" to "ARIZONA
8 RANGERS".

9 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 40, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
10 by adding article 2, to read:

11 ARTICLE 2. ARIZONA BORDER GUARD

12 41-4211. Arizona border guard; establishment; duties

13 A. THE ARIZONA BORDER GUARD IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
14 SUPPORTING AND ASSISTING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
15 SECURING THE SAFETY AND PROTECTING THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS
16 OF THIS STATE. THE ARIZONA BORDER GUARD CONSISTS SOLELY OF VOLUNTEER
17 MEMBERS.

18 B. THE MISSION OF THE ARIZONA BORDER GUARD IS TO:

19 1. SUPPORT AND ASSIST THIS STATE IN SECURING THE BORDER WITH MEXICO
20 AND THE EFFORTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATE AGENCIES, INCLUDING OBSERVING
21 AND REPORTING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ENGAGING IN CROSS-BORDER CRIMINAL
22 ACTIVITY.

23 2. SUPPORT AND ASSIST COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS IN COMBATING
24 INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

25 C. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL ADOPT
26 RULES TO GOVERN THE ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ARIZONA BORDER
27 GUARD. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST REQUIRE:

28 1. EACH VOLUNTEER MEMBER TO SUBMIT A FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS TO
29 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A STATE AND
30 FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1750 AND PUBLIC LAW
31 92-544. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MAY EXCHANGE THIS FINGERPRINT
32 DATA WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

33 2. EACH VOLUNTEER MEMBER TO, AT A MINIMUM:

34 (a) BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

35 (b) BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

36 (c) NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
37 OFFENSES:

38 (i) A DANGEROUS OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-105.

39 (ii) A SERIOUS OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-706.

40 (iii) A DANGEROUS CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN AS DEFINED IN SECTION
41 13-705 OR AN OFFENSE INCLUDED IN TITLE 13, CHAPTER 14 OR 35.1.

42 (iv) AN OFFENSE THAT INVOLVES THE SALE OR TRAFFICKING OF A DRUG IN
43 VIOLATION OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 34.

44 D. ARIZONA BORDER GUARD MEMBERS DO NOT POSSESS ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT
45 OR INVESTIGATIVE POWERS THAT ARE NOT PROVIDED OR ESTABLISHED IN LAW FOR
46 ALL CITIZENS OF THIS STATE.