

REFERENCE TITLE: patient information; gun safety; appropriation

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## **HB 2178**

Introduced by  
Representatives Longdon: Gutierrez, Schwiebert, Seaman, Stahl Hamilton,  
Terech, Travers, Senator Alston

### **AN ACT**

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 32-3230.02; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1,  
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-116; APPROPRIATING MONIES;  
RELATING TO PATIENT INFORMATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 32, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-3230.02, to read:

4 32-3230.02. Gun safety; patient information

5 A PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13, 14 OR 17 OF THIS  
6 TITLE, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 25 OF  
7 THIS TITLE OR A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 15  
8 OF THIS TITLE AND WHO PROVIDES WELL-BABY AND PEDIATRIC SERVICES SHALL  
9 INFORM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD DURING AN OFFICE VISIT FOR SUCH  
10 SERVICES OF GUN SAFETY MEASURES THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE HOME,  
11 INCLUDING PROPER GUN STORAGE, AND THE RISKS TO CHILDREN WHO FIND A GUN IN  
12 THE HOME. A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER MEETS  
13 THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION BY PROVIDING THE INFORMATION  
14 VERBALLY OR IN WRITING OR BY PROVIDING THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH A  
15 PUBLICATION PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PURSUANT TO  
16 SECTION 36-116.

17 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
18 is amended by adding section 36-116, to read:

19 36-116. Gun safety; pamphlet; distribution; posting

20 A. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A  
21 PAMPHLET THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING GUN SAFETY MEASURES THAT  
22 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MAY IMPLEMENT IN THE HOME WHERE CHILDREN ARE  
23 PRESENT, INCLUDING PROPER GUN STORAGE, AND THE RISKS TO CHILDREN WHO FIND  
24 A GUN IN THE HOME. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THIS PAMPHLET AS  
25 NECESSARY.

26 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE PAMPHLET PREPARED PURSUANT  
27 TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION FREE OF CHARGE TO PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN  
28 ASSISTANTS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS ON REQUEST  
29 AND SHALL POST THE PAMPHLET ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

30 C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE  
31 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

32 Sec. 3. Appropriation; department of health services; gun  
33 safety pamphlet; exemption

34 A. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
35 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of health services to prepare  
36 the pamphlet that includes information regarding gun safety measures as  
37 required by section 36-116, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this  
38 act.

39 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
40 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
41 to the lapsing of appropriations.