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HB 2670: state agencies; veterans status; inquiry Sponsor: Representative Travers, LD 12

Transmitted to Governor

Overview

Includes *Space Force* within the definition of *Armed Forces of the United States*. Additionally, permits members of the Arizona National Guard and the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves to be buried in veteran's cemeteries.

History

The <u>Arizona Department of Veteran Services (ADVS)</u> provides services to veterans through various means including: 1) the administration of professional benefits counselors located throughout the state; 2) operating skilled-nursing veterans' home facilities to provide short-term and long-term care; and 3) operating veterans' memorial cemeteries (<u>A.R.S. § 41-603</u>).

Provisions

- 1. Includes Space Force in the definition of Armed Forces of the United States. (Sec. 1, 2)
- 2. Allows ADVS to provide burial services in state veterans' cemeteries for members of the Arizona National Guard and the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves. (Sec. 3)
- 3. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024. (Sec. 4)
- 4. Makes conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2)

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