

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~authorized transporters~~
(now: transportation; mental health; patients)

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-seventh Legislature
Second Regular Session
2026

CHAPTER 199

HOUSE BILL 2404

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-503.05; RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

(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 5, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-503.05, to read:
4 36-503.05. Mental health patients; proposed patients;
5 transportation; use of peace officers
6 prohibited; exceptions
7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A PEACE OFFICER
8 MAY NOT CONDUCT THE TRANSPORT OF A PERSON FROM A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY
9 DEPARTMENT OR A LOCKED UNIT OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY TO ANOTHER
10 HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION, AN EVALUATION AGENCY OR A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
11 AGENCY, UNLESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:
12 1. THE PERSON IS INCARCERATED.
13 2. A COURT, A PERSON, AN EVALUATION AGENCY OR A MENTAL HEALTH
14 TREATMENT AGENCY HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THE PATIENT OR
15 PROPOSED PATIENT CANNOT BE SAFELY APPREHENDED WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A
16 PEACE OFFICER.
17 3. ANY PERSON REQUESTS A PEACE OFFICER BY DIALING 911 OR A SIMILAR
18 DESIGNATED TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR EMERGENCY CALLS AND NEEDS EMERGENCY
19 ASSISTANCE.
20 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, AN
21 AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTER SHALL CONDUCT ANY APPREHENSION AND TRANSPORT OF A
22 PATIENT OR PROPOSED PATIENT.
23 Sec. 2. Effective date
24 Section 36-503.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,
25 is effective from and after December 31, 2029.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 19, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 22, 2026.