

REFERENCE TITLE: **processing arrestees; veteran status**

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Introduced by
Representative Blackman

AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 13-3904; RELATING TO ARREST.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 38, article 7, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 13-3904, to read:

4 13-3904. Veteran status; procedure

5 A. AT A PERSON'S INITIAL APPEARANCE HEARING, THE COURT SHALL
6 INQUIRE OF THE PERSON'S STATUS AS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
7 FORCES.

8 B. IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT A PERSON IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED
9 STATES ARMED FORCES, THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE PROSECUTING AGENCY OF THE
10 PERSON'S VETERAN STATUS.

11 C. ON NOTIFICATION FROM THE COURT, UNLESS THE PERSON IS CHARGED
12 WITH A DANGEROUS OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 13-704, A SERIOUS OFFENSE OR
13 VIOLENT OR AGGRAVATED FELONY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-706 OR A DANGEROUS
14 CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-705, THE PROSECUTING
15 AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PERSON REGARDING SERVICES THAT ARE
16 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES AND SHALL CONSIDER
17 REFERRING THE PERSON TO THE VETERANS COURT OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE
18 TREATMENT COURT OR DIVERSION PROGRAM.

19 D. IF A PERSON'S STATUS AS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
20 FORCES IS IN QUESTION, THE PROSECUTING AGENCY SHALL GIVE THE PERSON OR THE
21 PERSON'S ATTORNEY AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THE PERSON'S VETERAN STATUS
22 THROUGH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
23 DEFENSE FORM 214 (DD-214) INDICATING THE PERSON'S RELEASE OR DISCHARGE
24 FROM ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.