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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1738; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1738, to read:

4 41-1738. Tribal government rural law enforcement enhancement
5 grant program; administration; purposes; fund;
6 annual report

7 A. THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT GRANT
8 PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE GRANT MONIES TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTAL
9 ENTITIES IN THIS STATE WITH RESERVATION LAND THAT IS LOCATED PRIMARILY IN
10 A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS FOR
11 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 12 1. HIRING NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL.
- 13 2. RETAINING CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
- 14 3. PURCHASING COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.
- 15 4. FUNDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.
- 16 5. REIMBURSING EXPENSES RELATED TO INVESTIGATING TURQUOISE ALERTS
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1728.01.

18 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND MAY ADOPT
19 RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
20 APPLICANTS SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY
21 THE DEPARTMENT.

22 C. THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT FUND IS
23 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT
24 SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
25 APPROPRIATED AND MAY BE USED TO ESTABLISH THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RURAL LAW
26 ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. NOT MORE
27 THAN \$100,000 ANNUALLY MAY BE USED TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF
28 IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

29 D. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
30 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE
31 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT
32 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM
33 AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE GRANT PROGRAM.

34 Sec. 2. Appropriation; tribal government rural law
35 enforcement enhancement fund; exemption

36 A. The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
37 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the tribal government rural law
38 enforcement enhancement fund established by section 41-1738, Arizona
39 Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

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