

State of Arizona  
Senate  
Forty-sixth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2003

CHAPTER 85

# SENATE BILL 1268

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 31-161, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO INMATE HEALTH CARE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



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

2 Section 1. Section 31-161, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 31-161. Inmate health care; costs

5 A. Subject to the approval of the county board of supervisors or the  
6 board of directors of a county jail district, the sheriff may charge each  
7 inmate who is committed to jail by competent authority a reasonable fee or  
8 copayment of not more than three TEN dollars for each inmate initiated health  
9 service that is provided, FOR EACH MEDICAL VISIT TO A PHYSICIAN THAT IS  
10 REFERRED BY A PHYSICIAN, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER or for  
11 prescription drugs that a county jail health services agency dispenses to an  
12 inmate. An inmate shall not be refused health services for financial  
13 reasons.

14 B. If the sheriff is not prohibited from charging a health care  
15 services fee or a copayment at the time the service is provided or  
16 prescription dispensed as provided in subsection D of this section, the  
17 sheriff may maintain a negative balance on an inmate's personal account  
18 against which future collections may be made.

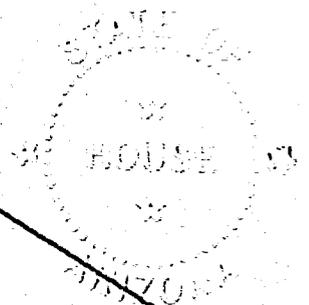
19 C. All fees or copayments for health services that the county collects  
20 shall be deposited in the inmate health services fund established by section  
21 31-152 31-162.

22 D. Notwithstanding section 11-291, each county sheriff for the  
23 purposes of collecting fees or copayments under this section from inmates  
24 under the sheriff's jurisdiction may charge a fee authorized under subsection  
25 A of this section except the sheriff shall not charge an inmate a health CARE  
26 services fee or copayment if the inmate maintains a balance in the inmate's  
27 personal account of less than three TEN dollars for thirty consecutive days.

28 E. A sheriff may exempt inmates with certain medical conditions from  
29 the payment of health service CARE SERVICES fees or copayments.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 22, 2003.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 22, 2003.



Passed the House April 10, 20 03

by the following vote: 58 Ayes,

1 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Jake Flake  
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Foye  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 25, 20 03

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

1 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Ken Bennett  
President of the Senate

Channing Belding  
Secretary of the Senate

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
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This Bill was received by the Governor this

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Secretary to the Governor

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\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

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Governor of Arizona

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Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 16, 2003

by the following vote: 18 Ayes,

11 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this  
16 day of April, 2003

at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

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Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 22 day of

April, 2003,

at 2:15 o'clock P. M.

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Governor of Arizona

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State  
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Secretary of State

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