



STATE OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 17, 2019

The Honorable Katie Hobbs  
Secretary of State  
1700 W. Washington, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

I am transmitting to you the following bills from the Fifty-fourth Legislature, 1st Regular Session, which I signed on April 17th, 2019:

H.B. 2041 hospital assaults; testing; reporting; sanctions (Finchem)  
H.B. 2176 college credit by examination; payments (Weninger)  
H.B. 2238 election procedures; manual (Townsend)  
H.B. 2276 ambulances; certificates; name change (Biasiucci)  
H.B. 2371 real estate; licenses; applications (Toma)  
H.B. 2439 highway rest area programs; continuation (Griffin)  
H.B. 2443 property disclosure affidavit; adjudication claim (Griffin)  
H.B. 2488 annual report; veteran suicides (Lawrence)  
H.B. 2552 state lottery; prizewinner confidentiality (Barto)  
H.B. 2706 ALTCS; licensed nursing assistants (Osborne)  
S.B. 1090 emergency voting procedures; board action (Ugenti-Rita)  
S.B. 1105 direct primary care agreements (Carter)  
S.B. 1328 barbers; cosmetologists; licensure; reciprocity; apprenticeships (Pace)

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc: Senate Secretary  
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Arizona News Service

Senate Engrossed House Bill

**FILED**

**KATIE HOBBS**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-fourth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2019

**CHAPTER 104**

**HOUSE BILL 2488**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-146; RELATING TO VETERANS.

(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 1, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-146, to read:

4 36-146. Veteran suicides; annual report; distribution

5 A. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
6 SHALL ANNUALLY COMPILE A REPORT ON VETERAN SUICIDES IN THIS STATE THAT  
7 INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

8 1. THE NUMBER AND RATE OF VETERANS WHO DIED BY SUICIDE IN THIS  
9 STATE'S RESIDENT POPULATION FOR THE MOST CURRENT COMPLETE CALENDAR YEAR.

10 2. HISTORIC TRENDS OF VETERAN SUICIDE RATES AND INSTANCES IN THIS  
11 STATE'S RESIDENT POPULATION COVERING AT LEAST THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS.

12 3. HISTORIC TRENDS OF RATES AND INSTANCES OF THE MOST COMMON  
13 MECHANISM OF SUICIDE AMONG THIS STATE'S RESIDENT VETERANS.

14 4. AN ANALYSIS OF THE YEARS OF POTENTIAL LIFE LOST TO SUICIDE AMONG  
15 THIS STATE'S RESIDENT VETERANS.

16 5. COMPARISONS OF THIS STATE'S RESIDENT VETERAN SUICIDE RATE TO THE  
17 SUICIDE RATES OF THE NATION AND OTHER REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE  
18 SAME TIME PERIOD AS REPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
19 AFFAIRS.

20 6. AN ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIVE RISK OF SUICIDE AMONG THIS STATE'S  
21 RESIDENT VETERANS, INCLUDING DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWNS BY RACE OR ETHNICITY,  
22 AGE GROUP, GENDER AND REGION OF THE STATE.

23 7. A REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS OF SUICIDE PATTERNS AMONG THIS  
24 STATE'S RESIDENT VETERANS THAT CONSIDERS POPULATION DENSITY AS A POTENTIAL  
25 RISK FACTOR AND INFORMS THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES  
26 WITHIN THIS STATE.

27 8. AN ANALYSIS OF PATTERNS OF DRUGS, OR COMBINATIONS OF DRUGS, THAT  
28 WERE USED BY THIS STATE'S RESIDENT VETERANS WHEN DRUG POISONING WAS THE  
29 MECHANISM OF SUICIDE.

30 9. AN ANALYSIS OF PATTERNS OF RECENT MEDICAL HISTORY OF THIS  
31 STATE'S RESIDENT VETERANS WHO DIED BY SUICIDE USING DATA FROM THE UNITED  
32 STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND FROM THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE  
33 COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM. DATA LINKAGE COMPLETED FOR THIS ANALYSIS SHALL  
34 BE USED TO INFORM SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES BASED ON MEDICAL RISK  
35 FACTORS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY CORRELATE TO SUICIDE.

36 B. THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MAY NOT CONTAIN ANY  
37 IDENTIFIERS THAT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PERSONALLY IDENTIFY IN ANY  
38 MANNER OR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DIED BY SUICIDE.

39 C. THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
40 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
41 HEALTH SERVICES ALL DATA, INCLUDING PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION, IF  
42 NECESSARY, IN ORDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH  
43 THIS SECTION.

1 D. THE INFORMATION AND RECORDS ACQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
2 SERVICES TO CREATE THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION ARE CONFIDENTIAL  
3 AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA, DISCOVERY OR INTRODUCTION INTO EVIDENCE  
4 IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

5 E. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE THE ANNUAL  
6 REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 VETERANS' SERVICES AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

**APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 17, 2019.**

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 17, 2019.**

Passed the House February 26, 20 19

Passed the Senate April 4, 20 19

by the following vote: 60 Ayes,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

Pro Tempore

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

[Signature]  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

H.B. 2488

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 11, 20 19,

by the following vote: 60 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 20 19,

at 1:40 o'clock P M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 20 19,

at 1:33 o'clock P M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 17 day of April, 20 19,

at 4:34 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State