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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 26, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 26-105; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 26, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 26-105, to read:

4 26-105. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for military veterans fund;
5 exemption; advisory committee; annual report;
6 committee termination

7 A. THE HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR MILITARY VETERANS FUND IS
8 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF PRIVATE DONATIONS, GRANTS, BEQUESTS AND ANY
9 OTHER MONIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS SHALL
10 ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND
11 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
12 APPROPRIATIONS.

13 B. MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
14 TO VETERANS FOR HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY.

15 C. IF, AFTER FUND MONIES ARE SPENT TO PAY FOR HYPERBARIC OXYGEN
16 THERAPY FOR A VETERAN, THE DEPARTMENT DISCOVERS THAT THE THERAPY WAS FULLY
17 OR PARTIALLY COVERED BY PRIVATE INSURANCE OR ANY OTHER ENTITY, THE
18 DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK TO HAVE THE FUND REIMBURSED FOR THE PORTION OF THE
19 PAYMENT THAT WAS COVERED BY PRIVATE INSURANCE OR THE OTHER ENTITY.

20 D. THE HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR MILITARY VETERANS ADVISORY
21 COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

22 1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
23 OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

24 2. FOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WHO ARE ANY
25 OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (a) NATIONAL GUARD UNIT COMMANDERS.

27 (b) DOCTORS.

28 (c) ACTIVE OR RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

29 E. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
30 OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE HYPERBARIC
31 OXYGEN THERAPY FOR MILITARY VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. APPOINTED
32 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.

33 F. THE HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR MILITARY VETERANS ADVISORY
34 COMMITTEE SHALL:

35 1. DETERMINE HOW TO AWARD MONIES FROM THE FUND.

36 2. ESTABLISH AND REVISE AS NECESSARY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
37 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

38 3. MAKE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AS NECESSARY.

39 G. THE HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR MILITARY VETERANS ADVISORY
40 COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING THE FUND'S PERFORMANCE
41 AND THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
42 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
43 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

44 H. THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1, 2026
45 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3103.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation; hyperbaric oxygen therapy

2 The sum of \$25,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
3 fiscal year 2018-2019 to the hyperbaric oxygen therapy for military
4 veterans fund established by section 26-105, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
5 added by this act.