



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2136

firefighter and EMT memorial

Purpose

Authorizes the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to provide for the placement of a firefighters and emergency medical technicians memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza.

Background

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) requires prior legislation to authorize a monument or memorial in recognition or honor of a person, group, entity or event in the governmental mall. Statute further prescribes the procedures to establish the monument or memorial as follows: a) the proponents must submit a concept for the design, dimensions and location of the memorial to ADOA; b) the ADOA reviews and determines the most appropriate location; c) the ADOA submit its review and recommendations to the Legislative Governmental Mall Commission (Commission); and d) the Commission, in consultation with the ADOA, approves the final design, dimensions, location, maintenance requirements and the minimum dollar amount required for deposit. Any approved monument or memorial must be completed and dedicated within two years after the effective date of the authorizing legislative act (A.R.S. § 41-1363).

The Commission consists of 10 members and is required to review all planning activities within the governmental mall boundaries. The governmental mall is comprised of the area with a western boundary of 19th Avenue, a northern boundary of all lots abutting Van Buren Street, an eastern boundary of 7th Avenue and a southern boundary of the Harrison Street alignment (A.R.S. § 41-1362).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Authorizes the ADOA, in accordance with statutory procedures, to provide for the placement of a memorial dedicated to the commemoration of firefighters and emergency medical technicians in Wesley Bolin Plaza.
2. Prohibits the use of public monies for any costs associated with the memorial.
3. Stipulates all fundraising and contracts for the artistic design and construction of the memorial are the responsibility of the proponents.

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4. Prohibits the state from facilitating fund-raising or establishing a state fund for the deposit of the monies.
5. Contains a repeal date of October 1, 2016.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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