



ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2565

manslaughter; assisted suicide

Purpose

Modifies the assisted suicide provision within the definition of *manslaughter*.

Background

A person commits manslaughter by intentionally aiding another to commit suicide. Statute further designates that a person commits manslaughter by doing any of the following: 1) recklessly causing the death of another person; 2) committing second degree murder upon a sudden quarrel or heat of passion resulting from adequate provocation of the victim; 3) committing second degree murder while being coerced to do so by the use or threatened immediate use of unlawful deadly physical force upon that person or a third person that a reasonable person in his situation would have been unable to resist; or 4) knowingly or recklessly causing the death of an unborn child by any physical injury to the mother. Manslaughter is a class 2 felony (A.R.S. § 13-1103).

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

Provisions

1. Modifies the definition of *manslaughter* by stating that a person commits the offense by intentionally offering or providing the physical means that another person uses to commit suicide, with the knowledge that the person intends to commit suicide.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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