

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~health care decisions; living wills~~  
(now: Arizona space commission; research fund)

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-sixth Legislature  
Second Regular Session  
2024

**CHAPTER 140**  
**HOUSE BILL 2254**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING  
ARTICLE 6; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA SPACE COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding article 6, to read:

4 ARTICLE 6. ARIZONA SPACE COMMISSION

5 41-1551. Definitions

6 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 7 1. "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMISSION.  
8 2. "COMMISSION" MEANS THE ARIZONA SPACE COMMISSION.  
9 3. "FUND" MEANS THE SPACE EXPLORATION AND AERONAUTICS RESEARCH

10 FUND.

11 41-1551.01. Arizona space commission; board of directors;  
12 membership; duties; strategic plan

13 A. THE ARIZONA SPACE COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED. THE COMMISSION IS  
14 GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS WHO ARE  
15 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THREE MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE  
16 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THREE MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER  
17 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

18 B. WHEN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
19 A OF THIS SECTION, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 1. INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPERIENCE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 21 (a) COMMERCIAL AEROSPACE.  
22 (b) CIVIL AVIATION.  
23 (c) MILITARY AEROSPACE.  
24 (d) SPACE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  
25 (e) SPACE-RELATED ACADEMIC RESEARCH.  
26 (f) NONPROFIT SPACE ECONOMY SUPPORT.  
27 (g) REAL ESTATE.  
28 (h) FINANCE.

29 2. INDIVIDUALS WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE OR ABOVE IN ANY OF THE  
30 FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- 31 (a) SPACE SCIENCE.  
32 (b) SPACE ENGINEERING.  
33 (c) SPACE TECHNOLOGY.  
34 (d) SPACE BUSINESS.  
35 (e) SPACE LEADERSHIP.  
36 (f) SPACE POLICY.  
37 (g) SPACE LAW.  
38 (h) SPACE OPERATIONS.

39 3. INDIVIDUALS FROM AN EARLY STAGE START-UP COMPANY THAT FOCUSES ON  
40 THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES RELATED TO  
41 SPACE.

42 4. INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING IN INDUSTRIES THAT ARE BASED  
43 IN THIS STATE AND THAT ARE PART OF THE SPACE VALUE CHAIN OR THAT ARE IN  
44 DOWNSTREAM INDUSTRIES WITH A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE IN THIS STATE.

1 C. THE INITIAL MEMBERS SHALL ASSIGN THEMSELVES BY LOT TO TERMS OF  
2 TWO, FOUR AND SIX YEARS IN OFFICE. ALL SUBSEQUENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
3 SHALL SERVE SIX-YEAR TERMS IN OFFICE. ALL VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED IN  
4 THE SAME MANNER AS THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE  
5 VACANCY.

6 D. THE BOARD SHALL:

7 1. ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

8 2. DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF, ESTABLISH GOALS FOR AND PROVIDE  
9 OVERSIGHT OF THE COMMISSION.

10 3. ESTABLISH STANDARDS TO ENSURE THE PROPER USE OF FUND MONIES.

11 4. IDENTIFY RESEARCH AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THIS STATE  
12 THAT DO THE FOLLOWING:

13 (a) STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THIS STATE'S POSITION IN CIVIL,  
14 COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE  
15 FLIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE.

16 (b) ENHANCE THE INTEGRATION OF THE SPACE AERONAUTICS, ASTRONAUTICS  
17 AND AVIATION INDUSTRIES IN THIS STATE.

18 (c) PROMOTE AND RESEARCH MATERIALS DERIVED FROM OR DEVELOPED  
19 THROUGH SPACE EXPLORATION AND SPACE FLIGHT.

20 5. PROMOTE AND ASSIST DEVELOPING WORKFORCE TRAINING TO ADVANCE  
21 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES REQUIRED FOR ALL ASPECTS OF SPACE EXPLORATION.

22 6. SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES RELATED  
23 TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION.

24 E. THE BOARD MAY:

25 1. APPOINT AN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
26 THE BOARD'S DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

27 2. ACQUIRE AND CONVEY PROPERTY OR AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY IN THIS  
28 STATE.

29 3. ENGAGE IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING OF AEROSPACE-RELATED  
30 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS STATE.

31 F. THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION.

32 G. THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND ANNUALLY UPDATE A STRATEGIC  
33 PLAN FOR PROMOTING AND EXPANDING SPACE, AERONAUTICS AND AVIATION IN THIS  
34 STATE, INCLUDING A LIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF  
35 THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING FOR  
36 EACH POTENTIAL PROJECT:

37 1. THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING ANY  
38 AVAILABLE MATCHING STATE MONIES.

39 2. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES.

40 H. THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING TO REVIEW AND AMEND OR APPROVE  
41 THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

42 I. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR  
43 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO THE  
44 GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES.

