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## **SB 1138: irreversible gender reassignment surgery; minors**

**Sponsor: Senator Petersen, LD 12**

**Committee on Judiciary**

### **Overview**

Prohibits physicians from performing irreversible gender reassignment surgeries on minors.

### **History**

A parent's consent is required for any surgical procedure on a minor unless a physician determines that failing to perform the procedure will lead to injury or death. A violation of this law is a class 1 misdemeanor ([A.R.S. § 36-2271](#)). Alleged unprofessional conduct and claims of mental or physical inability to safely practice medicine are investigated by the Arizona Medical Board. Unprofessional conduct includes the violation of any federal or state law or rule relating to the practice of medicine ([A.R.S. §§ 32-1451, 32-1854](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Prohibits physicians from performing irreversible gender reassignment surgeries on minors. (Sec. 1)
2. Allows a physician to provide the following to minors:
  - a) Services to individuals born with medically verifiable sexual development disorders;
  - b) Services provided when a physician has diagnosed a sexual development disorder and has determined through specified testing the individual does not have normal sex chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production or sex steroid hormone action;
  - c) Treatment of infection, injury, disease or disorder caused or exacerbated by the performance of gender transition procedures; and
  - d) Surgical procedures that, unless undertaken, would place the individual in imminent danger of death or impairment. (Sec. 1)
3. Defines *biological sex, gender, gender transition, irreversible gender reassignment surgery* and *physician*. (Sec. 1)
4. Contains a delayed effective date of April 1, 2023. (Sec. 2)

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