

As historic monuments around the Country have been removed and destroyed, Alabama drafted a Bill to protect these valuable pieces of history. It is known as the Alabama Monuments Bill SB60. It creates a memorial preservation act to prohibit the disturbance of significant memorabilia from our Nation's history. It was signed into legislation by the Governor of Alabama on May 24, 2017.

**Partners for Arizona's True History** aka **PATH**, has drafted a similar Bill for Arizona, using Alabama SB60 as a template. It is officially named **The Arizona Memorial Preservation Act of 2018**. This proposed Bill prohibits the relocation, removal, alteration, renaming, or other disturbance of any architecturally significant building, memorial building, memorial street, monument, historical site, historical marker, grave or headstone, or commemoration located on public property which has been in place for 40 or more years; and provides a mechanism for the relocation, removal, alteration, renaming, or other disturbance of any of the above, which has been in place for at least 20 years and less than 40 years.

This Bill also provides structure and direction for the renaming of schools and for the maintenance and care of said historical objects. It will protect Living History Museums, such as Tombstone, Mobile Museums and Virtual Museums, to ensure that exhibits are kept intact so as not to remove certain artifacts from the collection as a whole. Commemorations will be protected, so our reenactments can continue, in historical context.

Currently Bill HB2498 is in the Arizona Senate. It has passed the House of Representatives and is waiting vote from the Senate. This Bill, while it is a step in the right direction and provides us with some precedence to proceed further, falls short of protecting our actual monuments. HB2498 focuses more on parks and land than actual monuments and commemorations. We need more . . .

**The Arizona Memorial Preservation Act of 2018** has been distributed to several Arizona Legislators who have supported HB2498 and/or shown backing for the preservation of ALL historical memorabilia, including monuments, and follow-up with this endeavor continues. **PATH** would greatly appreciate any support for this cause.

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