

Arizona Governor Signs Bill for MDMA Therapy for PTSD in Public Safety Officials

Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs has signed a bill into law allowing firefighters and peace officers with PTSD to receive workers' compensation coverage for MDMA therapy, contingent on federal legalization. This measure follows a recent FDA advisory committee's recommendation against approving MDMA-assisted therapy, despite support from advocates and some lawmakers.

Bill Details and Requirements

The bill, introduced by Sen. David Gowan (R), mandates FDA approval of MDMA and restricts compensation to one course of treatment. The Industrial Commission of Arizona will oversee the approval and ensure the treatment protocol follows established guidelines. A report on MDMA treatment costs will be submitted annually starting January 1, 2026.

Vetoed Psilocybin Service Centers Bill

While approving the MDMA therapy bill, Gov. Hobbs vetoed a separate proposal to legalize psilocybin service centers, which had significant bipartisan support. This decision disappointed advocates who saw potential in expanding Arizona's existing research-focused psychedelics law.

Broader Psychedelics Legislative Landscape

Across the U.S., several states are exploring psychedelics therapy legislation. California, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maryland, Alaska, Indiana, Utah, Maine, Connecticut, New Mexico, Illinois, Hawaii, and Nevada have all introduced or passed measures to promote research and therapeutic access to substances like psilocybin and MDMA.

Arizona's new law marks a cautious but significant step towards integrating MDMA therapy for PTSD in public safety officials, aligning with a broader national trend towards recognizing the therapeutic potential of psychedelics.

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