

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY

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Bill No.: H40

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Failed in committee

Title of Bill: Prevention of Cigarette Litter

1 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

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3 **Section I. Body:** Cigarettes can and have been known to cause air pollution*
4 along with harm to the smoker and surrounding persons. As Nation, we enacted
5 certain regulations to minimize harm to bystanders, in New Mexico, the bill
6 was the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act. I believe we must further extend
7 regulation, the focus must be the litter. Cigarette butts are one of the most
8 common roadway litter items across the Nation. It must be enforced that the
9 cigarette butts are disposed of properly. With this bill, we can further
10 contribute to the prevention of littering.

7 **Section II. Definitions:**

8 *The air pollution emitted by cigarettes is 10 times greater than diesel car
9 exhaust, suggests a controlled experiment, reported in Tobacco Control.
10 Environmental tobacco smoke produces fine particulate matter, which is the
11 most dangerous element of air pollution for health.
12 The Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act eliminates smoking in enclosed indoor
13 workspaces including restaurants, bars, and other workplaces.

12 **Section III. Penalty:** I want cigarette butts to be disposed of properly, in
13 hope, we can eliminate cigarette litter. I want this bill to further extend
14 cigarette regulation, also enforce penalties if in violation of the possible
15 law. The smoker must dispose of the cigarette butt in the designated
16 container.

16 **Section IV. Repeal:** All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in
17 the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of
18 this act are hereby repealed.

19 **Section V. Effective Date:** This act shall become effective immediately upon
20 It's passage and approval by the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls
21 State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.

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