

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: HEALTH

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Bill No.: S100

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Passed by Legislature and Governor

Title of Bill: Welfare Program Recipient Requisite

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Drug testing for all SNAP recipients and applicants.

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Section 1: Any person, head of household, can benefit from the program. For a household of one, the SNAP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligibility for financial assistance will be taken from the Federal Poverty Guidelines and personal gross income. For one, the maximum allowed monthly to be given is \$194. Guidelines for more household members will be stated in the FPG Monthly Income Standards. In between benefits there will be a random drug test administrated. This will be stated when registration occurs and will be given a letter before the drug testing to set an appointment with a clinic appointed for this matter. Funding will be taken out of taxpayer's money.

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If applying for a welfare program, even if disabled, you must agree to drug tests; however, any doctor written prescriptions will not count against you.

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Section II. Definitions:

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): New Mexico program that helps low-income people buy food.

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Federal Poverty Guidelines Monthly Income Standard (FPG): Guidelines and standards for financial assistance based on monthly personal gross income.

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Gross income: Starting point for determining Federal and state income tax of individuals, corporations, estates and trusts, whether resident or nonresident.

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Recipient: Person head of house hold, sixteen years of age or older.

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Work hours: The amount of hours worked per week require by TANF.

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Section III. Penalty: In between benefits there will be a random drug test

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issued, if the test is positive the recipient will not receive the benefits for the coming month. Also, this will result in the beneficiary not being

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able to apply for welfare benefits for six months. An increase in work hours would provide more income for the family and monthly drug testing would ensure that the individuals on welfare are not wasting money provided for them on drugs instead of on family materials and needs.

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

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