

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
**2016 Bill/Resolution**



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Bill No.: House 2                    Delegation: ALA NM Girls State

Status: Passed by Legislature and Governor

Title of Bill: Motorcycle Safety Act

**An Act**

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2 Although it is illegal for people under the age of 18 to drive without a helmet in New  
3 Mexico, there is no law requiring the use of safety equipment for those over the age of  
4 18. This bill sets forth to enact law which might legally require all those who drive  
5 motorcycles/scooters to wear a helmet while driving, to help ensure the safety of  
6 motorcycle drivers as well as automobile drivers.  
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8 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**  
9 **that:** all peoples must wear safety equipment for their heads (i.e. helmet) while driving  
10 any form of motorcycle/scooter.  
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12 **Section I. Short Title:** this bill may be cited as the “Motorcycle Safety Act”  
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14 **Section II. Definitions:** A. Helmets/head safety being a suitable helmet/head gear  
15 approved by the DOT (Department of Motor Vehicles) or other such group as seen fit.  
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17 **Section III. Provisions:** this bill would be monitored by the police force and New  
18 Mexico judicial court system and peoples riding motorcycles/scooters without proper  
19 safety equipment will be ticketed and therefore, fined based on the decision of the New  
20 Mexico judicial system.  
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22 **Section IV. Penalty:** Fines will get progressively harsher as infractions occur  
23 Repeat offence: \$200 fine for any person who does not wear a helmet when operating a  
24 motorcycle.  
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26 **Section V. Enactment:** this bill will go into action six (6) months after enactment.