

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



Committee: Health

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Bill No.: H17

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Failed in committee

Title of Bill: Mandating Opioid Antagonistic in Public Places

1 **Section I. Body:** In relation to public health and safety; mandating that all public places,  
2 that are already required, by law, to keep medical First Aid kits on-site, have authorized  
3 possession as well as be required to carry opioid antagonists, such as Naloxone; to  
4 prevent and protect against opioid related deaths.  
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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico has long been concerned about the high rates of opioid  
7 misuse and dependency and the impact on the people of New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal centers for disease control and prevention has recently  
9 declared the United States to have a crisis and epidemic of opioid abuse and addiction;  
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11 WHEREAS, New Mexico is facing opioid overdose death rates of unprecedented  
12 proportions; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico is number one in the United States of America in overdose-  
14 related deaths, as reported by the centers for disease control and prevention on  
15 November 1, 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, the rate for New Mexico overdose-related deaths is twenty-seven per one  
17 hundred thousand populations, more than twice the national average; and

18 WHEREAS, nationally, traffic fatality rates are now surpassed by overdose deaths;  
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20 WHEREAS, the department of health's substance abuse epidemiology unit at the  
21 university of New Mexico estimates that there were nearly twenty-four thousand adult  
22 intravenous drug users in New Mexico in 2006, and others report that number to be as  
23 high as fifty thousand; and

24 WHEREAS, the federal substance abuses and mental health services administration  
25 recently conducted a review of emergency room visits for nonmedical use of opioid  
26 analgesics and found that the number of visits for nonmedical opioid use increased one  
27 hundred eleven percent between 2004 and 2008; and

28 WHEREAS, New Mexico is primarily rural; multiple studies, both nationally and  
29 globally have discovered that there is direct correlation to overdose-related deaths and  
30 rural communities;  
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33 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

34 **Section II. Definitions:** A mandate stating that all places required to keep First Aid kits  
35 on-site also be required to possess, store, and administer opioid antagonists.

36 A. A business, a public place, or a place previously, as well as currently required  
37 by law to possess First Aid kits on-site, have authority to possess, as well as  
38 be required by the State of New Mexico, an opioid antagonist.

39 B. A business, public place, or a place previously, as well as currently required by  
40 law to possess First Aid kits on-site, may, as well as be required by the State  
41 of New Mexico, to store an opioid antagonist.

42 C. A business, public place, or a place previously, as well as currently required by  
43 law to possess First Aid kits on-site, may, as well as be required to, by the  
44 State of New Mexico, administer opioid antagonists to peoples suffering from  
45 an opioid related overdose.

46 (Note from committee: only a doctor should be able to administer)  
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49 **Section III. Penalty: INFORMATION NEEDED**

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51 **Section IV. Repeal:** all laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the  
52 constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are  
53 hereby repealed.  
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55 **Section V. Effective Date:** this bill will take effect in 90 days after being signed.