

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: Health

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Bill No.: S14

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Failed in committee

Title of Bill: Homeless Housing Act

An Act

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2 There are five (5) times more vacant houses within the Nation than there are families living
3 there. To help reduce the issue concurrent in the Nation, it's important to tackle the issue state
4 wide. With this comes better living situations for the lower-class, allowing for better
5 circumstances. Following through with the process would require the individual and/or adult
6 members of family to pass drug tests (if they don't, it would be required to start medicine
7 treatment), and other processes to ensure it would be beneficial. Statistics show, with programs
8 this this, that drinking decreases, and people get into routine that helps their stress levels) now
9 that they're safe). Once their needs are met, they would be more keen on finding work (which
10 would in turn be economically beneficial). Though not cost effective, it is long term effective
11 because it allows for a decrease of medical emergency services. This would be a portion of
12 money saved as homeless take up 60% of said services.

13 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**
14 **that:**

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16 **Section I. Short Title:** Homeless Housing Act

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18 **Section II. Definitions:** "Vacant Houses" meaning acceptable housing still on the
19 market. "Homeless" referring to anyone without stable housing.

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21 **Section III. Provisions:** Sandoval County Housing Department can monitor activities
22 with vacant houses; Healthcare for the Homeless can regulate and keep track of needs
23 and health status

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25 **Section IV. Enactment:** this bill should go into effect three (3) months after passage.