

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
**Bill Instruction Sheet**



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Bill No: 68

Committee: Health 2

Status:

Passed by:  Committee  House  Senate  Governor

Tabled by:  Committee  House  Senate  Governor

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Simple Title of Bill: The 5 for 5 Grand

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BILL

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**70<sup>TH</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

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INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

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7 RELATING TO A 5% TAX ON JUNK FOOD. A 5% TAX WILL BE PLACED ON  
8 SWEETENED BEVERAGES, SUGARY SNACKS, AND CHIPS. THIS 5% TAX WILL  
9 FUND A GRANT OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN THE TOP 5% OF  
10 THEIR CLASS FROM ANY ACCREDITED NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL. THE  
11 GRANT WILL BE APPLICABLE FOR BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL FEES FOR NEW  
12 MEXICO COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE

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DEFINITIONS:

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"Sweetened beverages": sodas, teas, and other beverages with  
18 added sweetener (including artificial sweeteners). 100% fruit  
19 juices would be exempt.  
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"Sugary snacks": pre-packaged snack cakes, and baked goods with  
22 added sugar.  
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All potato or other chips made by deep frying. Baked chips would

1 be excluded.

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3 MAIN PROVISIONS: The "5 for 5 Grant" will benefit both the  
4 students of New Mexico colleges and the public. the grant will  
5 provide some assistance with the additional expenses of college  
6 besides tuition itself. Additionally, the tax on these goods will  
7 limit the excess amount of "junk food" purchased by the citizens  
8 of New Mexico, thereby possibly curbing the obesity epidemic.

9 PENALTY:

10 APPROPRIATION:

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12 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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14 This act shall become effective 90 days after it's passage and approval by the American  
15 Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or it's otherwise becoming a law.