

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



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Committee: Health 2

Status:

Passed by:  Committee  House  Senate  Governor

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Simple Title of Bill: Denial of Legalization of Marijuana

1 Resolution

2 **70<sup>TH</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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5 AN RESOLUTION

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7 FULL TITLE:

8 Denial of Legalization of Marijuana

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10 SECTION 1. NMSA 30-31-1 MAKES IT UNLAWFUL TO INTENTIONALLY  
11 POSSESS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INCLUDING MARIJUANA

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13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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16 SECTIONS:

17 WHEREAS the current trend across the country is legalization of  
18 marijuana for recreational use that is driven primarily by the  
19 interest in generating additional revenue;

20 WHEREAS legalizing marijuana for the sole purpose of increasing  
21 state revenue is short-sighted and is not a viable solution to  
22 the state's debt and underfunding of public schools;

23 WHEREAS New Mexico should not legalize marijuana due to the  
24 alarming medical studies proving the many negative aspects of the  
25 drug;

1 WHEREAS research supports that pre adolescents that consume  
2 marijuana may exhibit stunted growth and delayed development of  
3 the brain;

4 WHEREAS against popular belief that marijuana is considered a  
5 healthier alternative to tobacco, in reality marijuana use shows  
6 similar long-term negative effects;

7 WHEREAS marijuana has been shown to be a gateway drug to other  
8 more dangerous drugs;

9 WHEREAS legalizing marijuana will increase the risk of  
10 drug-impaired driving when we already experience a high rate of  
11 DUI convictions in which New Mexico leads in the highest alcohol  
12 related death rate according to the U.S Center for Disease  
13 Control and Prevention:

14 WHEREAS legalization of marijuana for recreational use will  
15 endanger our citizens and cause exploitation among the youth;

16 WHEREAS the state should be asked to seek other resources to  
17 generate state revenue which will not have an adverse effect on  
18 our citizens;

19 WHEREAS we are committed to the health and safety of the citizens  
20 of New Mexico;

21 Be hereby resolved that the state of New Mexico will not revise  
22 our laws to allow recreational use of marijuana

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24 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people  
25 for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to  
26 that date that may be called for that purpose.