

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Bill No: 58

Committee: _Environment_

Status:

Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor

Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: _____

Simple Title of Bill: Prohibiting the Siberian Elm Tree in NM

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BILL

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70TH 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 FULL TITLE:

8 Relating to the ongoing threat of an invasive specie in New
9 Mexico, the importation, distribution, or transportation of the
10 Siberian Elm tree across the New Mexico state line is
11 prohibited.

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

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17 DEFINITIONS:

18 "invasive" being harmful and/or overly abundant
19 "non-native" being a specie that does not originate from New
20 Mexico territory
21 "termination" refers to the eventual and inevitable death of a
22 specie

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MAIN PROVISIONS: To promote an ecosystem that is both sustainable
and prosperous, the permanent banning of the Siberian Elm tree in
New Mexico is necessary. Not only is the Siberian Elm tree

1 non-native and invasive to New Mexico, it is also depleting other
2 native plants and wildlife of valuable resources, such as
3 available water and access to sunlight. The Siberian Elm tree is
4 an unsustainable specie that requires more resources to maintain
5 than it provides to wildlife. Due to its placement in the
6 unfamiliar terrain and climate of New Mexico, the Siberian Elm
7 tree's life span is drastically reduced, and each tree will
8 eventually require state funds to be properly removed upon
9 termination. By prohibiting the importation, distribution, and
10 transportation of the Siberian Elm tree within New Mexico, the
11 ecosystem of New Mexico will be more sustainable and prosperous.
12 PENALTY: If an individual were to violate the terms of the bill,
13 they shall be punished by a fine on not more than \$10,000
14 (depending on magnitude of violation) or by imprisonment for a
15 definite term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

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17 APPROPRIATION:

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

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22 EFFECTIVE DATE

23 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2018.