

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Simple Title of Bill: Bill

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70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS;

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REQUIRING HOTEL OWNERS TO TRAIN EMPLOYEES TO RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE

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PROGRAM.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

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MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

1 "human trafficking" is the action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country
2 or area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual
3 exploitation.

4 "hotel" in this bill means any establishment that provides lodging or overnight
5 accommodations, including hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, etc.

6 Human Trafficking is a growing problem in the United States of America. From 2012 to
7 2016, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 6,181 phone calls to report human
8 trafficking situations in hotels alone. For New Mexico, 32 cases of human trafficking were
9 reported to the National Hotline in 2016, which included 19 cases of sex trafficking and nine
10 cases of labor trafficking. In 2015, 30 human trafficking cases were reported. Since 2007,
11 the National Hotline has received reports of 158 cases of human trafficking in New Mexico.
12 (polarisproject.org) In February of 2018, Deputies with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office
13 Ghost Unit arrested three out of five suspects involved in a nationwide sex trafficking ring
14 Thursday, which was based out of Albuquerque.

15 Polaris (polarisproject.org) is an organization working on many fronts to fight human
16 trafficking nationwide. They have partnered with several hotel chains to help train hotel
17 employees to spot the signs of human trafficking.

18 New Mexico could greatly benefit from such a program.

19 A. Hotel owners in the state of New Mexico will be required to provide training to
20 employees on how to recognize the signs of possible human trafficking occurring in their
21 businesses.

22 B. Employees will provide a minimum of 30 minutes of trafficking awareness training to
23 each employee, within the first 30 days of hire.

24 C. Hotel owners who do not comply with this regulation could face a fine.

1 D. The state of New Mexico will allocate \$50,000 dollars toward this program.

2 E. The state of New Mexico will put together a task force to decide the best use of
3 these funds.

4 Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the Human

5 Trafficking Task Force for expenditure in

6 fiscal year 2018 to carry out the provisions of the Hotel Awareness of Human Trafficking

7 Act. Any unexpended or

8 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the

9 general fund.

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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.

13 Default Start - This section to be used as written.

