

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
2015 Bill/Resolution



Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bill No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Bill: The alternative to the state Mental Hospital Bill

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**An Act**

Section 1. Body:

Relating to the enforcement of court ordered mental health medication by mandatory blood tests and/or urinalysis. Where as the enforcement of the policies will benefit the state by reducing the number of repeat offenders committing crimes due to the mental state where as consistent medication consumption offers stability both physically and emotionally to the mental ill. Therefore the state save money by not sending the mentally ill to the New Mexico state mental hospital for committing crimes due to their mental state.

Section 2. Definitions:

- A. Mental Illness medication: FDA approved medications to treat a specific mental illness.
- B. Court ordered: a county court has viewed and evidence and testimonials of board approved mental health professionals and has ruled that the offenders mental state without medication poses a probable serious risk to himself or the general public.

Section 3. Penalty:

The court will have the authority to mandate periodic drug testing dependent upon the specific mental illness and the prescribed medication for offenders in their participation of crimes. Failure to pass the drug testing or refusal to comply with the mandate will result in the offender's placement into the New Mexico state mental hospital for treatment and for the safety of the general public. The courts mandate will be enforced for a prescribed term of (1) year beginning after the mandate is instituted. After (1) year the offender will be reassessed by a psychiatric professional who will determine the offenders mental state and the risk they impose to the general safety the mandate is absolved.

25 If they are still considered at risk to the general population without the medication  
26 mandate said mandate shall be re-instituted for another(1) year when another psychiatric  
27 evaluation will occur. Should the offender have concerns about side effects caused by  
28 the prescribed medications the court is mandated to allow the offenders a psychiatric  
29 consultation with aboard certified psychiatrist/psychologist to discuss their concerns. If  
30 their concerns are vailidate by the psychiatrist the prescription mandate may be revisited  
31 to suit the offender's needs.

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33 Section 4. Repeal.

34 Any laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws Constitution of the State of New Mexico in  
35 conflict with any provisions of this act are hereby appealed.

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37 Section 5. Effective Date.

38 This act shall become effective immediately upon its passing by the American Legion  
39 Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or its otherwise becoming law.

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