

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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Simple Title of Bill: Banning Kill Shelters

1 HOUSE BILL

2 **72nd SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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5 AN ACT

6 RELATING TO BANNING KILL SHELTERS; IMPROVING LIVING QUALITY OF ANIMAL
7 SHELTERS; PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS;

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

10 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. -

11 SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - Whereas it is to be banned in the state of New Mexico that

12 any such facility that euthanizes any such animal for any substantial reasoning other than

13 health. On average of 2.7 million dogs and cats are killed in shelters on an annually period.

14 The average euthanizing and creation process for a dog ranges from \$150 to \$300.

1 Reasoning such as overcrowding or decreased and low funding is not substantial
2 reasoning. Placing a time limit upon an animal for adoption or any other reasoning is not
3 valid reasoning for euthanizing. Funding from the state of New Mexico will be based off the
4 number of animals being housed in a quarterly period. Funding starts at \$100 per animal
5 being housed in a quarterly period. If further funding is required these facilities are
6 expected to seek donations from local or state businesses. If under a probable cause these
7 facilities may request more funding. Probable causes may include broken equipment
8 animal health issues, natural disasters, or other justifiable emergencies or problems, all of
9 which will be further investigated for qualification by the Animal Shelter and Humane
10 Society. The Animal Shelter and Humane Society will be responsible for conducting bi-
11 quarterly health checks to determine whether living conditions qualify to receive future
12 funding. These facilities are required to provide quarterly reports on achievement and
13 planning of future funding. These facilities must mail their quarterly reports by the last day
14 of the quarterly period. These reports will determine whether these facilities qualify for state
15 funding. Facilities that fail to provide a quarterly report may have their state funding
16 withheld. Late reports will be required to pay a \$10 mailing fee. If there is no improvement
17 on animal life within the shelter, the facilities state funding may be withheld.

18 SECTION 3. PENALTY. - Prosecutors shall be punished by a fine of no more than \$20,000
19 or by imprisonment for a definite term not to exceed 7 years, or both

20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. -

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

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24 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after The provisions of this act shall be
25 effective on and after January 1, 2020