

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



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Simple Title of Bill: State-wide Water Restriction

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT; A STATE-WIDE WATER RESTRICTION VERSUS

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CITY-WIDE WATER RESTRICTION; PROVIDING FAIR USAGE OF OUR MOST

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PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE TO ALL; RESTRICTING EACH CITY THE SAME.

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

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MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. -

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SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - SECTION I. CITY-WIDE TO STATE-WIDE. - Considering the

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water restrictions are mandated by each city, the amount of water saved is not

1 as much as it would be if it were mandated by the state, as a whole. Since water is our  
2 most precious natural resource, more needs to be done to ensure enough water for  
3 sustainability in the future. If certain cities that are not on water restrictions use much more  
4 water than cities that are on water restrictions, this limits the use of water for everyone  
5 ultimately, not just those cities that are on restrictions already. Moving from city-wide  
6 restrictions to state-wide would benefit everyone more than if it stayed how it is currently.  
7 The benefits include: preserving water, allowing the use of water for much more important  
8 issues, it will save homeowners money on bills, etc. The hottest time of the year in New  
9 Mexico is during the months of May to August. Therefore, people tend to use more water.  
10 Evidently, if a water restriction is put on the whole state from May 1st to August 1st and if  
11 your address ends in an odd number, you water on odd days; and visa versa, if your  
12 address ends in an even number, you water on even days the water preservation will sky  
13 rocket, benefitting the environment and homeowner's water bills.

14 WATER PRESERVATION. - As briefly stated in the above provision, the preservation of  
15 water is extremely important. The earth cannot thrive like it should without water. Water has  
16 many uses to living and non-living things. Hydro energy is a main source of energy for  
17 many eco-friendly power plants. Water provides nutrients for the body, has many health  
18 benefits, is good for your skin and helps mental stability. Therefore, a change in water  
19 restriction will benefit more than people realize.

20 SECTION 3. PENALTY. - SECTION II. WATERING ON DAYS NOT APPROVED-  
21 PENALTY. – Penalty to be considered by the judge of the city, any person who waters on  
22 days other than days not matching their address is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be  
23 punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offense, with each successive offense  
24 doubling in the amount of previous fine.

25 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. -

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

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4 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after SECTION III. - The provisions of  
5 this act shall be effective on and after May 1st, 2020.