

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



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Simple Title of Bill: Labeling GMO'S

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS; LABELING OF GMOS IN THE

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UNTIED STATES

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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. - “Genetically Modified Organisms” means the genetic material

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in the organism has been altered using engineering techniques. Also known as biotech

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crops, transgenic organisms and bio-engineering.

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SECTION 2. PROVITIONS. - Labeling all genetically modified organisms with an official

1 label. Genetically modified organisms are being the common practice of biotechnology.  
2 Traditionally GMO'S deal with plants and animals. The process works by identifying a trait  
3 of interest, isolating the genetic trait and inserting the desired trait into the new genome to  
4 obtain a characteristic or desired trait. The ten GMO crops that are commercially available  
5 in the United States are Alfalfa, Canola, Cotton, Potatoes, Squash, Soybeans, cotton  
6 Papaya, Apple and Sugar beets. The goal of the GMO proponents is to increase the  
7 productivity and nutritional benefits, the main desired traits that have been added to plants  
8 are the ability of the plant to produce its own pesticide and herbicide tolerance. These  
9 results have led to economic benefits of companies that have produced them though, with  
10 a significant cost of negative consequences. The GMO industry and the government has  
11 said the biotech crops they are producing are nontoxic, there is not a nutritional difference  
12 between a biotech crop and a conventional crop. Due to this GMO labeling is not required,  
13 the safety of GMOs is unknown. Through the research scientists have found the data  
14 inconclusive due to the GMOs not being around long enough, there are unknown envi  
15 mental implications and unknown to living health. 64 of the most developed countries  
16 required labeling of genetically modified food such as Japan, Russia, Brazil, European  
17 Union, Australia and China. The biotech companies and food manufactures should label  
18 the genetically modified organisms are in our food for public safety. It is the society right to  
19 know what is in their food.

20 SECTION 3. PENALTY. -

21 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. -

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

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- 1 This act shall become effective 90 days after it's passage and approval by the American
- 2 Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or it's otherwise becoming a law.