

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Bill No: 54

Committee: _Environment

Status:

Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor

Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: _____

Simple Title of Bill: Protection of Protected Animals

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BILL

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

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INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE CREATION OF AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROTECTION

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OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS PERTAINS TO THE ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF

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PROTECTED ANIMALS

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE

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DEFINITIONS:

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"Protected Animals" heretofore refers to any animal classified as

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extinct in the wild, endangered, or threatened; or any animal

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protected by outcomes of any CITES, UNODC, UNEC, or UNEA

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conference.

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"We", "Us", etc, refers to the state of New Mexico or its Senate

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"Protected animal products" refers to any part or whole of a

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protected animal, living or dead

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MAIN PROVISIONS:

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Under this bill, it will be considered a felony to knowingly

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possess, consume sell, transport, or otherwise be involved with

1 protected animal products. New Mexico is a known port of sorts
2 for these things thanks to its rural nature and its proximity to
3 an international border. By protecting these animals, we will
4 help preserve vital ecosystems and prevent the extinction of
5 beautiful and important creatures.

6 In addition to this, we will prioritize aid to the people
7 involved in such a trade. Frequently people, especially
8 vulnerable communities such as the economically disadvantaged and
9 immigrants, especially those knowing little or no English, are
10 forced, coerced, or tricked into involvement with this trade. For
11 communities known to be at risk for economic reasons, immigration
12 status, or proximity to known offenders, we will help transform
13 communities through jobs and childcare facilities.

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15 **PENALTY:** Those found illegally trading protected animals shall be
16 punished by a fine of not more than \$10000, or by imprisonment
17 for a definite term not to exceed 10 years, or both.

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19 **APPROPRIATION:** 1 million dollars will be allocated to the
20 boosting of vulnerable communities' economies and to the
21 increased law enforcement necessary to enforce the heightened
22 security. This money shall be used between the date the bill
23 takes effect and the day five years from that date. Any money
24 remaining at the end of this period shall contribute to the new
25 allocated funds for the next five period, should this next
26 allocation be approved. Otherwise, it will become a part of the
27 state treasury. These funds shall be raised through taxation of
28 citizens.

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

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33 **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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