

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill



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Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: Passed with amendment – no further action

Simple Title of Bill: Preservation of Sacred Sites

1 HOUSE BILL

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

3 INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

8 RELATING TO THE requesting terms that both attorney generals and cultural department

9 both contribute and coincide to working aside with Pueblo officials and religious leaders to

10 come to a decision of establishing better protection and stricter enforcements on

11 indigenous ground sites. Which then preserve original artifacts and have ancient remains in

12 contact and away from harmful dangers, damages and environmental issues.

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

14 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

1 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. - BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
2 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE: the preservation of
3 sacred historical sites will provide, these sites generally include the birthplaces and homes
4 of gods, particular areas in which people may commune with “spirits” or be cleansed, where
5 the world is believed to have begun. Where many Pueblo, natives, indigenous people all
6 require that their adherents make pilgrimages, prayers, vision quests, and ceremonies or
7 rituals be held there in a quiet, pristine, undisturbed atmosphere to maintain harmony and
8 balance in the universe to such sites making it very essential to the people prone to their
9 livelihood of being involved in their culture.

10 SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - The implementation of this bill will not only preserve sacred
11 sites. It will benefit the Indigenous people and Native Americans that keeping sacred land
12 off the hands of people wanting to destroy such a hallowed system and reassurance that
13 indigenous people and natives preserve their culture and religion is withheld from the
14 hands of others. Such as establishing the laws will prevent any future causing harm to the
15 designated people morale and beliefs.

16 SECTION 3. PENALTY. - Anyone caught in the act of trespassing native lands and
17 grounds and disturbing the peace of the sacred and religious, shall be punished by a fine of
18 not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for a definite term not to exceed a maximum
19 sentence of 90 days, or both.

20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION into the amount of
21 money collected during the violation. A sum of \$1000 or more shall be accepted by fellow
22 tribe(s) that have been affected by the enforcement of their sacred/ cultural sites being
23 disturbed, damaged or exposed. The amount of money withheld from the violates shall be
24 held to a safe keeping until granted use upon. The funds of this collection is from the
25 damages, trespassing, danger, disturbances of cultural land and sites.

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 This act shall become effective 90 days after its passage and approval by the American
5 Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.