

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



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Simple Title of Bill: Licensing and Regulation of Crisis Pregnancy Centers

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HOUSE BILL

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**72<sup>nd</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019**

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS; FAKE ABORTION CLINICS; MEDICAL

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CENTER LICENSING AND REGULATION; HEALTH CENTERS; HEALTH INSURANCE

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PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

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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. - A. "Crisis Pregnancy Center" is any anti-abortion pregnancy

1 center that does not have any medical licensing or regulation and is not a commercial  
2 enterprise.

3 SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - This bill shall be enacted to prevent the propagation of false  
4 information by Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) by requiring the implementation of all  
5 licensing and regulation that apply to official health care providers. CPCs are widely  
6 regarded as fake abortion centers, which masquerade as legitimate health centers, but  
7 provide inaccurate information by way of unethically deterring women from receiving  
8 abortions. These centers do not disclose that they are not licensed medical centers to the  
9 women that come in seeking abortions, or that they do not actually offer abortions.  
10 Volunteers at the centers will even go as far as to wear white medical coats as to better  
11 appear to be licensed medical professionals. Because CPCs are not official centers, they  
12 do not fall under the regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act,  
13 and do not have to abide by any laws regarding patient confidentiality or other such rights  
14 that patients deserve. Additionally, because all services at CPCs are provided at no charge,  
15 they are not under any of the laws under the Federal Trade Commission or other pertaining  
16 state legislation. By placing CPCs under the regulations and licensing required of official  
17 medical centers and commercial enterprises, the spread of false medical information and  
18 use of unethical tactics to convince women of their legitimacy will be halted.

19 This bill is not aimed to shut down CPCs that disclose upfront their lack of medical  
20 credentials. It instead attempts to require regulatio for centers that refuse to disclose this.  
21 Centers that willingly disclose that they are not medically licensed.

22 SECTION 3. PENALTY. - Any group who provides false medical information shall be  
23 punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for a definite term not to  
24 exceed 5 years, or both.

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 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.