

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



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Bill No: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passed by:  Committee  House  Senate  Governor

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Simple Title of Bill: Bill

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**70<sup>TH</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

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**RELATING TO THE RECENT LEGALIZATION OF SPORTS BETTING BY THE**

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**SUPREME COURT, NEW MEXICO SHOULD LEGALIZE SPORTS BETTING WITHIN ITS**

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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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Sports Betting: The act of gambling on the outcome of college and professional sporting

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events

1 This bill would legalize betting in sports in the state of New Mexico. Offshore websites and  
2 bookies allow for illegal sports betting, but by legalizing it, the state will be able to collect  
3 revenue from it rather than the illicit enterprises. 30% of all money bet will automatically go  
4 to the State's Treasury Department and will be used to help fund Public education (Pre-K-  
5 12th grade) in New Mexico. This legalization could also increase tourism in the event that  
6 neighboring states choose not to legalize it, an industry which is vital for the survival of New  
7 Mexico. As seen in the past, collecting revenue from gambling, such as the Lottery  
8 Scholarship, has benefited New Mexicans. With the government involvement, betting can  
9 be regulated and scrutinized more carefully to ensure that the integrity of games are not  
10 compromised. As seen with the case of Pete Rose, allowing managers, athletes, or  
11 referees to participate in betting involving their own team or opponent will not be permitted  
12 in order to retain the sanctity of the game. Gambling itself is typically considered immoral,  
13 but by using the revenue from it to do good will minimize its negative effects. While this  
14 may seem counter intuitive, Gambling is an issue that mainly affects the impoverished,  
15 however it would be physically impossible to completely abolish all forms of gambling, so  
16 instead of futilely creating anti-gambling laws, legalize sports betting so that the revenues  
17 collected will go towards helping the poor through improving their education and  
18 maximizing their chances of success.

19 Referees, managers, and athletes may not participate in betting in their own sports, doing  
20 so and they shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$30,000 or by imprisonment for a  
21 definite term not to exceed two years, or both

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

25 Default Start - This section to be used as written.

