

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



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Bill No:   24  

Committee: Public Safety

Status:

Passed by:    Committee    House    Senate    Governor

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Simple Title of Bill: Impaired and Distracted Driving

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BILL

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

INTRODUCED BY

AN ACT

FULL TITLE: RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; LOWERING BLOOD ALCOHOL  
CONTENT LEVEL; INCREASED FINES FOR PEOPLE CAUGHT DRIVING WHILE  
IMPAIRED OR DISTRACTED; INCREASED AWARENESS OF CONSEQUENCES OF  
IMPAIRED/DISTRACTED DRIVING; INCREASED POLICE ENFORCEMENT;  
INCREASED CONSEQUENCES; INCREASED DWI CHECKPOINTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE

DEFINITIONS:

- A. DWI- Driving while Intoxicated
- B. BAC-Blood Alcohol Content; the concentration of alcohol in one's bloodstream
- C. Impaired- intoxicated, drunk, under the influence of drug or unfit to drive in any way
- D. Distracted-driving while on phone or otherwise engaged and unfocused on driving

MAIN PROVISIONS:

Blood Alcohol Content Level.-The permitted Blood Alcohol Content

1 Level to be lowered from .08% to .05%. While the BAC for driving  
2 a commercial vehicle such as a bus or truck is .04%, driving a  
3 conventional vehicle allows a .08% BAC. The BAC shall be lowered  
4 to .05% for all vehicles and their drivers.

5 Increased Police Enforcement.-Police shall be more aware of  
6 impaired and distracted drivers and be more diligent in catching  
7 them

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9 **PENALTY:**

10 Increased fines.-If a person is caught by the police driving  
11 impaired, the individual shall be fined for \$1000. If a person is  
12 caught driving while on their phone, the individual shall be  
13 fined \$500

14 Increased Consequences.-People caught driving while intoxicated  
15 shall automatically have an ignition interlock system installed  
16 and be put in DWI safety school

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18 **APPROPRIATION:**

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20 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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