

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor *killed*

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Simple Title of Bill: Legalization and Taxation of Marijuana

1 BILL

2 **70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2018**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 AN ACT

8 **RELATING TO THE SALE AND USE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA; REMOVING**

9 **CRIMINALIZING PENALTIES TO PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA BY**

10 **PERSONS OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THE REGULATION AND**

11 **TAXATION OF MARIJUANA**

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

14 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

15 SECTION 1.- DEFINITIONS.

1 Marijuana refers to the leaves, flowers, and buds of the cannabis plant.

2 SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

3 The legalization of recreational use and possession of marijuana by persons of
4 twenty-one years of age and older will eliminate the high cost of criminalizing those in
5 possession of the drug, while becoming an incredibly profitable industry for taxation
6 purposes. The funds raised from government regulation and taxation of marijuana will
7 provide a critical boost to departments in need, such as education. The state's public
8 education is currently ranked among the worst in the country, primarily stemming from poor
9 funding. Changes involving what this bill aims to accomplish that allow for a greater flow of
10 tax dollars to this department should therefore be eagerly welcomed. Other states that have
11 legalized marijuana have experienced incredible financial stimulation; in Colorado hundreds
12 of millions of dollars in tax are collected each year as a result of the cannabis industry. In
13 addition to problems caused by the state's low economic funds, the illegalization of
14 marijuana is harming regular people in sometimes detrimental ways. Persons convicted
15 due to the possession of as little as an ounce of the drug that is less harmful than alcohol
16 can lose their jobs or face increased difficulty becoming hired. Eliminating the effort to
17 imprison and fine such persons will allow police resources to be focused on other critical
18 issues as well. Marijuana isn't as physically harmful as many have been led to believe.
19 Marijuana can in some ways be medically beneficial. However due to the plant's illegal
20 status, scientific research has been hindered, limiting our knowledge on the potentially
21 beneficial resource.

22 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

- 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.