

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill



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Bill No: 17 Committee: H

Status:

Failed by: Committee House Senate Governor
Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor
Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: _____

Simple Title of Bill: Free Housing for Homeless Veterans

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO FREE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

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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. -

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SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - Homeless Veterans should have the benefit of free housing

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paid for by the government due to their service to our country. Veterans return home in

1 some instances to broken homes and financial difficulties. Service to our Country is a
2 tremendous sacrifice. Service Men and Women put their lives and domestic situations on
3 the line for the protection of our rights at home. The trauma of serving in a conflict to protect
4 our freedoms has a different effect on Veterans. There is no excuse for our heroes to return
5 to the potential of being homeless. Some veterans who have no families can default on bills
6 while away and cause foreclosures on homes and credit issues. the 2012 US census
7 indicated that there are over 60,000 homeless veterans in the United States. Many of these
8 Veterans return with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which can also cause
9 difficulties to obtain Employment back in society after returning from a war or Conflict. If a
10 Veteran is Diagnosed with PTSD and cannot maintain employment due to this issue he or
11 she should be qualified to free housing under this Bill. This Bill will Provide free housing
12 and utilities for the life of the Veteran. If the Veteran can in time obtain employment he or
13 she should be able to keep the free housing without penalty or revocation of benefits.

14 SECTION 3. PENALTY. -

15 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. -

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17 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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