

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Bill No: _____ Committee: _____

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Simple Title of Bill: Bill

1 BILL

2 **70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 AN ACT

8 **AN ACT to enact a 25 cent tax upon every plastic bag used in retail to support the**
9 **protection of the US National Parks.**

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

13 A 25 cent tax shall be enforced within each retail company within the State of New Mexico;
14 upon plastic grocery bags. This bill shall be supported by scientific studies that showcase

the damages reaped upon the environment at the hand of disposable plastic bags, which entails:

a) as plastics break apart, potentially toxic chemicals are released into the soil--entering the food web

b) wild animals end up consuming plastic bags, often choking and dying

c) each reusable bag has the potential to eliminate 1,000 plastic bags over its lifetime.

In accordance to this tax, 10 of the 25 cents will be added to a state budget for the promotion of environment protection awareness. The leftover 15 cents shall be given to the United States National Parks Services.

The purpose of this bill will ultimately be to reduce the use of plastic bags within the State of New Mexico and to promote awareness for the issue and to support the Establishment of the United States National Parks Services.

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of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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