

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

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 AN ACT

8 **relating to public road safety; Bicycle lane development and expansion; Rules of the**  
9 **road for bicycles and cars; Cleaning and maintenance of Bicycle lanes.**

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

13 “Bicycle Lane” being defined as a lane on the road exclusively for the use of bicycles.

14 Measuring 5’ from line to line, where cyclists move in the respective direction of the traffic.

1 “Car to Bicycle Rule” is defined as a rule that requires Motor Vehicles to give cyclists 5’  
2 from the edge of the outer handlebar to the inner car door.

3 “Defined” is defined as a requirement that the lines are of the bicycle lane are clearly  
4 visible.

5 “Maintained” being defined as well kept and or preserved; bicycle lanes to be swept for  
6 debris regularly, removal of glass and items from the bike lane.

7 Whereas according to the Motor Vehicle Department, Cyclists face the greatest amount of  
8 risk on the road relating to crash, resulting in injury or death. Statistics show in 2017, there  
9 were over 468,000 reported accidents resulting in 1,000 documented deaths of cyclists who  
10 were hit by cars on non-residential roads. Insurance agencies reported that they had to pay  
11 more than \$10 billion dollars in lifetime medical and recovery aide to critically injured  
12 cyclists per year. Whereas in these accidents the Motor Vehicles may suffer little damage,  
13 cyclists who have been hit have no guarantee of a full recovery and can go on, with their  
14 family, to face a lifetime of negative impacts in their social, mental, physical and economic  
15 well being. Not only will the cyclist face these troubles but their families as well, By instating  
16 this bill would help protect cyclists, families, and communities. In areas where there is a  
17 defined and maintained bicycle lane and or enacted car to bicycle rule accidents can be  
18 reduced by over half. By instating these laws the community would be safer and lessen the  
19 tragic loss of lives that comes from riding your bicycle on the road. For this to happen the  
20 state and cities would need to take responsibility for its roads and the police officer would  
21 need to understand and enforce the new road violation for both motor vehicles and  
22 bicycles. States and cities would need to maintain and clean bike lanes and a system to  
23 help pay for the construction of new one. This new system would be based on bicycle  
24 registration and licenses.

1 Only bicycles and recumbent bicycles are allowed in the bike lane, if violated person shall  
2 be punished by a fine no more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a definite term not to  
3 exceed 90 days, or both.”

4 Driving in the bike lane will result in a traffic

5 Every fiscal year two hundred thousand (200,000) is appropriated as the general fund for  
6 traffic cops and bicycle lanes. Making an appropriation for this bill through a registration fee  
7 to certify the bike every two years, or when there is change ownership or they are  
8 purchased new. In addition, United States Cycling organization would add a tax to the  
9 bicycle racing organization license.

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

13 Delayed Start - Update the date to reflect your bills start date.

14 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2020.

