

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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1 BILL

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

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 AN ACT

8 **RELATING TO VETERINARIANS WITH ACTIVE PRACTICING LICENSES AND ANIMAL**

9 **SHELTERS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.**

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

12 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

13 Registered veterinarian: practicing veterinarian with a registered license to practice

14 veterinary medicine

1 Registered non-profit shelter: organizations registered as non-profit agencies providing
2 services for the care and well-being of abandoned, neglected, and/or abused animals.

3 A. All domestic animals living in a non-profit shelter in the state of New Mexico should
4 be able to maintain access to necessary medical services provided by registered
5 veterinarians in the state.

6 B. Practicing veterinarians who possess a registered license and running a business of
7 30 hours a week or more will be obligated to offer a minimum of 5% of their hours of
8 operations and services at no cost to registered non-profit animal shelters within the state.

9 C. Services will be provided to the animals residing in non-profit animal shelters either
10 at the shelter or in the veterinary office, at the veterinarian's discretion, at no charge to the
11 shelter owner/staff member.

12 D. Animals at higher risk for illness or death will take priority over non-life threatening
13 medical cases, to be determined by the veterinarian.

14 E. Veterinarians will use pharmaceutical samples to support the pharmaceutical needs
15 of shelter animals and to help find less expensive alternatives for medicines required by
16 these shelter animals.

17 F. Veterinarians who are working in a facility with more than one veterinarian must
18 each provide the mandatory minimal hours of service to the VETCARE project.

19 G. Veterinarians and shelters will log in to a state wide data base for the purpose of
20 logging and verifying the voluntary hours they have donated to meet the minimal
21 requirements outlined above.

22 H. The state department of labor will conduct random monthly audits, to check that the
23 requirements are fulfilled, which will be attached to all veterinary licenses issued in the
24 state.

- 1 Failure to fulfill the outlined requirements shall be punished by a fine of not more than
- 2 \$500.00 per month of violation. First offense will receive a written warning. Second violation
- 3 and subsequent violations will receive a minimal 100 dollar fine with
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- 5 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
- 6 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.
- 7 Default Start - This section to be used as written.

