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Introduced by

SENATOR JOHN ARTHUR SMITH



FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCE; MAKING A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PERMANENT FUND TO THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 6-4-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999, Chapter 207, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-4-9. TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PERMANENT FUND--INVESTMENT--DISTRIBUTION.--

A. The "tobacco settlement permanent fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money distributed to the state pursuant to the master settlement agreement entered into between tobacco product manufacturers and various states, including New Mexico, and executed November 23, 1998 or any money released to the state from a qualified escrow fund or otherwise paid to the state as authorized by Sections 6-4-12 and 6-4-13 NMSA 1978, enacted pursuant to the master settlement agreement or as otherwise authorized by law. Money in the fund shall be invested by the state investment officer in accordance with the limitations in Article 12, Section 7 of the constitution of New Mexico. Income from investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Money in the fund shall not be expended for any purpose, except as provided in this section.

1 B. In fiscal year 2007 and in each fiscal year
2 thereafter, an annual distribution shall be made from the
3 tobacco settlement permanent fund to the tobacco settlement
4 program fund of an amount equal to fifty percent of the total
5 amount of money distributed to the tobacco settlement
6 permanent fund in that fiscal year until that amount is less
7 than an amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent of the
8 average of the year-end market values of the tobacco
9 settlement permanent fund for the immediately preceding five
10 calendar years. Thereafter, the amount of the annual
11 distribution shall be four and seven-tenths percent of the
12 average of the year-end market values of the tobacco
13 settlement permanent fund for the immediately preceding five
14 calendar years. In the event that the actual amount
15 distributed to the tobacco settlement program fund in a
16 fiscal year is insufficient to meet appropriations from that
17 fund for that fiscal year, the secretary of finance and
18 administration shall proportionately reduce each
19 appropriation accordingly.

20 C. In addition to the distribution made pursuant
21 to Subsection B of this section, in fiscal years 2009 through
22 2013 and 2016, the remaining fifty percent of the total
23 amount of money distributed to the tobacco settlement
24 permanent fund in that fiscal year shall be distributed from
25 the tobacco settlement permanent fund to the tobacco

1 settlement program fund.

2 D. In addition to the distribution made pursuant
3 to Subsections B and E of this section, in fiscal year 2014,
4 twenty-five percent of the total amount of money distributed
5 pursuant to the master settlement agreement to the tobacco
6 settlement permanent fund in that fiscal year shall be
7 distributed from the tobacco settlement permanent fund to the
8 lottery tuition fund.

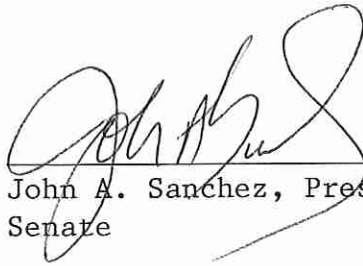
9 E. In addition to the distribution made pursuant
10 to Subsections B and D of this section, in fiscal year 2014,
11 twenty-five percent of the total amount of money distributed
12 to the tobacco settlement permanent fund in that fiscal year
13 shall be distributed from the tobacco settlement permanent
14 fund to the tobacco settlement program fund for appropriation
15 for direct services provided by early childhood care and
16 education programs administered by the children, youth and
17 families department.

18 F. The tobacco settlement permanent fund shall be
19 considered a reserve fund of the state and, as a reserve
20 fund, may be expended in the event that general fund
21 balances, including all authorized revenues and transfers to
22 the general fund and balances in the general fund operating
23 reserve, the appropriation contingency fund and the tax
24 stabilization reserve, will not meet the level of
25 appropriations authorized from the general fund for a fiscal

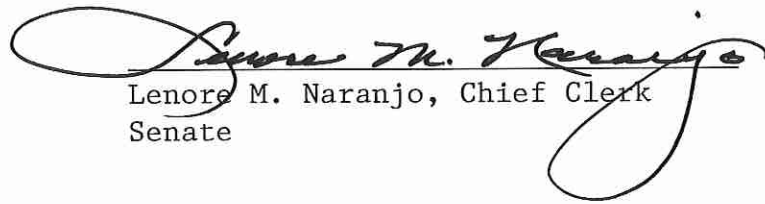
1 year. In that event, in order to avoid an unconstitutional
2 deficit, the legislature may authorize a transfer from the
3 tobacco settlement permanent fund to the general fund but
4 only in an amount necessary to meet general fund
5 appropriations."

6 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
7 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015. _____

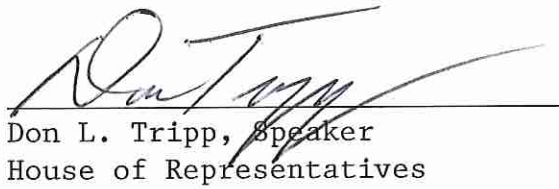
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Approved by me this 3rd day of April, 2015



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