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HOUSE BILL 258

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; DISTRIBUTING A PORTION OF THE PREMIUM TAX
FROM HEALTH INSURANCE BUSINESS TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES FUND.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-1-6.62 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
Chapter 47, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.62. DISTRIBUTION--PREMIUM TAX.--

A. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA
1978 shall be made to the law enforcement protection fund in an
amount equal to ten percent of the net receipts attributable to
the premium tax from life, health, general casualty and title
insurance business.

B. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA
1978 shall be made to the fire protection fund of the net

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1 receipts attributable to the premium tax derived from property
2 and vehicle insurance business.

3 C. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA
4 1978 shall be made to the emergency medical services fund in an
5 amount equal to ten percent of the net receipts attributable to
6 the premium tax from health insurance business."

7 SECTION 2. Section 24-10A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
8 Chapter 178, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "24-10A-3. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND CREATED--
10 FUNDING.--

11 A. The "emergency medical services fund" is created
12 in the state treasury. Money in the fund shall not revert at
13 the end of any fiscal year. Money appropriated to the fund or
14 accruing to it through distributions, gifts, grants, fees or
15 bequests shall be deposited in the fund. Interest earned on
16 investment of the fund shall be credited to the general fund.
17 Disbursements from the fund shall be made upon warrants drawn
18 by the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to
19 vouchers signed by the secretary or the secretary's authorized
20 representative.

21 B. The bureau shall administer the fund and provide
22 for the distribution of the fund pursuant to the Emergency
23 Medical Services Fund Act and rules adopted pursuant to the
24 provisions of that act.

25 C. In any fiscal year, no less than seventy-five

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1 percent of the money in the fund shall be used for the local
2 emergency medical services funding program to support the cost
3 of supplies and equipment and operational costs other than
4 salaries and benefits for emergency medical services personnel.
5 This money shall be distributed to municipalities and counties
6 on behalf of eligible local recipients, using a formula
7 established pursuant to rules adopted by the department. The
8 formula shall determine each municipality's and county's share
9 of the fund based on the relative geographic size and
10 population of each county. The formula shall also base the
11 distribution of money for each municipality and county on the
12 relative number of runs of each local recipient eligible to
13 participate in the distribution.

14 D. In any fiscal year, no more than:

15 (1) twenty-two percent of the fund may be used
16 for emergency medical services system improvement projects,
17 including the purchase of emergency medical services vehicles,
18 local and statewide emergency medical services system support
19 projects, the statewide trauma care system program and the
20 emergency medical dispatch agency support program; and

21 (2) three percent of the fund may be used by
22 the bureau for administrative costs, including monitoring and
23 providing technical assistance.

24 E. In any fiscal year, money in the fund that is
25 not distributed pursuant to the provisions of Subsection D of

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1 this section may be distributed pursuant to the provisions of
2 Subsection C of this section."

3 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2024.

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