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AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCE; AUTHORIZING THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE  
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE GILA REGIONAL  
CANCER CENTER AT THE GILA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Laws 2006, Chapter 89, Section 1, as amended  
by Laws 2007, Chapter 215, Section 1, Laws 2008, Chapter 60,  
Section 1, Laws 2013, Chapter 14, Section 1 and Laws 2019,  
Chapter 204, Section 1, is compiled in the New Mexico Finance  
Authority Act and is amended to read:

"[~~TEMPORARY PROVISION--NEW MEXICO FINANCE~~] AUTHORITY  
REVENUE BONDS--[~~PURPOSE--APPROPRIATION~~] AUTHORIZED--GILA  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND NOR-LEA GENERAL HOSPITAL.--

A. The [~~New Mexico finance~~] authority may issue and

1 sell revenue bonds in compliance with the New Mexico Finance  
2 Authority Act for a term not exceeding twenty years in an  
3 amount not exceeding three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the  
4 purpose of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing  
5 additions and improvements to a regional cancer treatment  
6 center at the Gila regional medical center in Grant county.  
7 The authority may issue and sell revenue bonds authorized by  
8 this subsection when the chair of the board of county  
9 commissioners of Grant county certifies the need for issuance  
10 of the bonds. The net proceeds from the sale of the bonds are  
11 appropriated to the local government division of the department  
12 of finance and administration for the purposes described in  
13 this subsection.

14 B. After the bonds have been issued pursuant to  
15 Subsection A of this section, the [~~New Mexico finance~~]  
16 authority may issue and sell revenue bonds in compliance with  
17 the New Mexico Finance Authority Act for a term not exceeding  
18 twenty years in an amount not exceeding one million five  
19 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of  
20 designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing additions and  
21 improvements to a regional cancer treatment center at the  
22 Nor-Lea general hospital in Lea county. The authority may  
23 issue and sell revenue bonds authorized by this subsection when  
24 the chair of the board of trustees of the Nor-Lea special  
25 hospital district certifies the need for issuance of the bonds;

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1 provided that, if the authority determines that excess balances  
2 exist in the rural county cancer treatment fund above the  
3 amount needed to service outstanding bonds, then, in lieu of  
4 issuing all or a portion of the bonds, the excess balances may  
5 be used for the cancer treatment center funded pursuant to this  
6 subsection, but the total of excess balances and bond proceeds  
7 shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars  
8 (\$1,500,000). The net proceeds from the sale of the bonds and  
9 any excess balances are appropriated to the local government  
10 division of the department of finance and administration for  
11 the purposes described in this subsection.

12 C. After the bonds have been issued pursuant to  
13 Subsections A and B of this section, the ~~[New Mexico finance]~~  
14 authority may issue and sell revenue bonds in compliance with  
15 the New Mexico Finance Authority Act for a term not exceeding  
16 twenty years in an amount not exceeding three million dollars  
17 (\$3,000,000) as follows:

18 (1) not to exceed two million two hundred  
19 fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) to design, construct, equip  
20 and furnish additions and improvements to a regional cancer  
21 treatment center at the Gila regional medical center in Grant  
22 county; and

23 (2) not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand  
24 dollars (\$750,000) to design, construct, equip and furnish  
25 additions and improvements to Nor-Lea general hospital in Lea

1 county.

2 D. After the bonds have been issued pursuant to  
3 Subsections A, B and C of this section, the [~~New Mexico~~  
4 ~~finance~~] authority may issue and sell revenue bonds in  
5 compliance with the New Mexico Finance Authority Act for a term  
6 not exceeding twenty years in an amount not exceeding one  
7 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) for the  
8 following purposes at the regional cancer treatment center at  
9 the Gila regional medical center in Grant county: for the  
10 purchase of computer hardware, servers, cabling, software  
11 licenses and related services necessary for implementation and  
12 maintenance of an electronic health records system, cancer  
13 patient treatment, regulatory compliance and reporting; to  
14 design, construct, renovate, equip and furnish additions and  
15 improvements of the chemotherapy intravenous preparation clean  
16 room; for the purchase of a positron emission tomography  
17 scanner; or to prepay any loan made by the authority from the  
18 public project revolving fund to or for the benefit of the Gila  
19 regional medical center for the purposes authorized by this  
20 subsection.

21 E. The authority may issue and sell revenue bonds  
22 authorized by Subsection C of this section when the boards of  
23 trustees of the Gila regional medical center and the Nor-Lea  
24 special hospital district certify the need for the issuance of  
25 the bonds. If the authority determines that there are balances

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1 in the rural county cancer treatment fund in excess of the  
2 amount needed to service outstanding bonds, the authority may  
3 use those balances in lieu of issuing all or a portion of the  
4 bonds authorized in Subsection C of this section, but the total  
5 of funding from bonds and balances shall not exceed three  
6 million dollars (\$3,000,000). The net proceeds from the sale  
7 of bonds and any excess balances are appropriated to the local  
8 government division of the department of finance and  
9 administration for the purposes described in Subsection B of  
10 this section.

11 F. The authority may issue and sell revenue bonds  
12 authorized by Subsection D of this section when the chair of  
13 the board of trustees of the Gila regional medical center  
14 certifies the need for issuance of the bonds. If the authority  
15 determines there are balances in the rural county cancer  
16 treatment fund in excess of the amount needed to service  
17 outstanding bonds, the authority may use those balances in lieu  
18 of issuing all or a portion of the bonds authorized in  
19 Subsection D of this section, but the total of excess balances  
20 and bond proceeds shall not exceed one million two hundred  
21 fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000). The net proceeds from the  
22 sale of the bonds and any excess balances are appropriated to  
23 the authority for the purposes described in this subsection.

24 G. After the bonds have been issued pursuant to  
25 Subsections A through D of this section, the authority may

1 issue and sell revenue bonds in compliance with the New Mexico  
2 Finance Authority Act for a term not exceeding twenty years in  
3 an amount not exceeding five million seven hundred thirty-five  
4 thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$5,735,316) for the  
5 regional cancer treatment center at the Gila regional medical  
6 center in Grant county for the purchase of equipment, computer  
7 hardware and software and to renovate rooms in the medical  
8 center.

9 H. The authority may issue and sell revenue bonds  
10 authorized by Subsection G of this section when the chair of  
11 the board of trustees of the Gila regional medical center  
12 certifies the need for issuance of the bonds. If the authority  
13 determines that there are balances in the rural county cancer  
14 treatment fund in excess of the amount needed to service  
15 outstanding bonds, the authority may use those balances in lieu  
16 of issuing all or a portion of the bonds authorized in  
17 Subsection G of this section, but the total of excess balances  
18 and bond proceeds shall not exceed five million seven hundred  
19 thirty-five thousand three hundred sixteen dollars  
20 (\$5,735,316). The net proceeds from the sale of the bonds and  
21 any excess balances are appropriated to the authority for the  
22 purposes described in this subsection.

23 ~~[6.]~~ I. The cigarette tax proceeds distributed to  
24 the authority pursuant to Subsection E of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA  
25 1978 shall be pledged irrevocably for the payment of the

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1 principal, interest, premiums and related expenses on the bonds  
2 and for payment of the expenses incurred by the authority  
3 related to the issuance, sale and administration of the bonds.

4 ~~[H.]~~ J. The cigarette tax proceeds distributed to  
5 the authority pursuant to Subsection E of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA  
6 1978 shall be deposited each month in a separate fund or  
7 account of the authority.

8 ~~[I.]~~ K. Upon payment of all principal, interest and  
9 other expenses or obligations related to the bonds, the  
10 authority shall certify to the secretary of taxation and  
11 revenue that all obligations for the bonds issued pursuant to  
12 this section have been fully discharged and shall direct the  
13 secretary of taxation and revenue to cease distributing  
14 cigarette tax proceeds to the authority pursuant to Subsection  
15 E of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978 and to distribute those  
16 cigarette tax proceeds to the general fund.

17 ~~[J.]~~ L. Any law authorizing the imposition,  
18 collection or distribution of the cigarette tax or that affects  
19 the cigarette tax shall not be amended, repealed or otherwise  
20 directly or indirectly modified so as to impair or reduce debt  
21 service coverage for any outstanding revenue bonds that may be  
22 secured by a pledge of those cigarette tax revenues, unless the  
23 revenue bonds have been discharged in full or provisions have  
24 been made for a full discharge.

25 ~~[K.]~~ M. The authority may additionally secure the  
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revenue bonds issued pursuant to this section by a pledge of money in the public project revolving fund with a lien priority on the money in the public project revolving fund as determined by the authority.

[L.] N. The authority may purchase revenue bonds issued pursuant to this section with money in the public project revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-21-6 NMSA 1978."

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