

HOUSE BILL 364

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO EMPLOY EXPERT WITNESSES TO PROCESS THE  
STATE'S BACKLOGGED DNA CASES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Sixty-five thousand four  
hundred dollars (\$65,400) is appropriated from the general fund  
to the administrative office of the district attorneys for  
expenditure in fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to pay expert  
witnesses associated with cases that the state crime  
laboratories are having tested by private laboratories to  
reduce the number of backlogged DNA cases. Any unexpended or  
unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005  
shall revert to the general fund.

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public

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