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SENATE BILL 554

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR DEPARTMENT OF
GAME AND FISH EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR A TIERED SALARY SCHEDULE
FOR EMPLOYEES THAT INDEXES SALARIES OF CONSERVATION OFFICERS
BASED ON EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND RISK.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION--CONTINGENCY.--

A. Four hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars
(\$457,000) is appropriated from the game protection fund to the
department of game and fish for expenditure in fiscal year 2005
to provide an eighteen percent salary increase to department of
game and fish conservation officers who are commissioned law
enforcement officers, contingent upon the requirements of
Subsection C of this section.

B. Two hundred fifty-two thousand dollars

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1 (\$252,000) is appropriated from the game protection fund to the
2 department of game and fish for expenditure in fiscal year 2005
3 to provide salary increases for classified clerical,
4 secretarial and farm and ranch workers of the department,
5 contingent upon the requirements of Subsection C of this
6 section.

7 C. The appropriations in Subsections A and B of
8 this section are contingent upon the department of game and
9 fish adopting a tiered salary schedule for all employees based
10 on experience and job qualifications. The salary schedule
11 shall index salaries of conservation officers who are
12 commissioned law enforcement officers based on education,
13 experience and risk involved in the job assignment. The
14 department shall request the state personnel office to
15 reclassify commissioned conservation officers or to assign them
16 to an alternative pay band.

17 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
18 at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the game
19 protection fund.