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SENATE BILL 208

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROGRAMS, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH  
RELATING TO SPINAL CORD-RELATED PARALYSIS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the governor's commission on disability for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 for programs, education and research relating to improvements for spinal cord-related paralysis, or transverse myelitis, through contracts with a regional not-for-profit organization that can provide therapeutic programming and education, and to encourage research, to be distributed as follows:

(1) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to increase disability-friendly recreation and tourism and

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1 provide adaptive swimming and skiing as well as hippotherapy in  
2 New Mexico;

3 (2) eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to  
4 organize and administer a conference promoting medical  
5 cooperation and research on paralysis through a regional  
6 symposium; and

7 (3) one hundred twenty thousand dollars  
8 (\$120,000) to expand public awareness of spinal cord-related  
9 paralysis in the medical community and among the general  
10 population of the state.

11 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
12 at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general  
13 fund.