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SENATE BILL 434

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT-TERM SEVERANCE TAX BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SHORT-TERM SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--HIGHWAY SECTION 1. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. -- In addition to the bonds issued pursuant to Section 7-27-14 NMSA 1978 and notwithstanding the limitations of that section, in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act, in fiscal year 2011, the state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds with a term that does not extend beyond the fiscal year in which they are issued in an amount not exceeding fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) when the department of transportation certifies the need for the issuance of the bonds for projects for the construction,

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improvement or maintenance of state highways and bridges. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the state road fund for the purposes certified by the department of transportation to the state board of finance; provided that no severance tax bonds shall be issued pursuant to this section unless the balance in the severance tax bonding fund as of the date that the bonds are issued is greater than the sum of:

- A. the debt service on the severance tax bonds to be issued pursuant to this section;
- B. the debt service scheduled to be paid during the remainder of the fiscal year on all outstanding severance tax bonds and supplemental severance tax bonds; and
- C. the amount necessary to meet all principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds payable from the severance tax bonding fund on the next two ensuing semiannual payment dates.

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