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HOUSE BILL 61

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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RELATING TO TAXATION; PROVIDING THAT SIXTY PERCENT OF THE REVENUES FROM THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON FIREWORKS BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE FORESTRY DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT PREVENTION PROJECTS IN WILDLANDS OF THE STATE; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Tax Administration Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTION--GROSS RECEIPTS AND COMPENSATING TAX ACT--SALES OF FIREWORKS.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the wildlands fire prevention fund in an amount equal to sixty percent of the net receipts attributable to the gross receipts .188359.1

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tax less penalties and interest imposed by the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act on the sale of fireworks."

SECTION 2. A new section of the Forest Conservation Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] WILDLANDS FIRE PREVENTION FUND--CREATED.--

The "wildlands fire prevention fund" is created Α. in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of distributions from sixty percent of the net receipts less penalties and interest collected pursuant to the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act on the sale of fireworks; appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and bequests made to the fund; and reimbursements of costs incurred by the forestry division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department for wildlands fire prevention projects. Income from the fund shall be credited to the fund, and money in the fund shall not revert or be transferred to any other fund at the end of a fiscal Money in the fund is appropriated to the forestry division for the purposes of wildlands fire prevention projects. Expenditures from the fund shall be made on warrant of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources.

As used in this section, "wildlands" includes forests, bosques and brush-covered lands."