

HOUSE BILL 324

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO REVENUE; ENACTING THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING ACT; DISTRIBUTING AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF TRIBAL GAMING REVENUE TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING FUND; CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING FUND; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**--This act may be cited as the "Native American Veteran Housing Act".

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**--As used in the Native American Veteran Housing Act:

A. "department" means the department of finance and administration;

B. "fund" means the Native American veteran housing fund;

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1           C. "Native American veteran" means an enrolled  
2 member of a tribe who has been discharged under conditions  
3 other than dishonorable from service in the United States army,  
4 navy, marine corps, air force or coast guard;

5           D. "tribe" means a federally recognized Indian  
6 nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially in New  
7 Mexico that has entered into a class III tribal-state gaming  
8 compact with the state; and

9           E. "trust land" means land located within the  
10 boundaries of a tribe or land held in trust by the United  
11 States for benefit of a tribe.

12           **SECTION 3. FUND CREATED--ADMINISTRATION.--**

13           A. The "Native American veteran housing fund" is  
14 created in the state treasury. The department shall administer  
15 the fund.

16           B. Distributions from the general fund made  
17 quarterly by the legislature pursuant to the Native American  
18 veteran housing fund shall be deposited in the fund. Earnings  
19 on the fund shall be credited to the general fund.

20           C. Balances in the fund are appropriated to the  
21 department to fund a program to assist Native American veterans  
22 to buy, build or repair a home on trust land. Distributions  
23 from the fund shall be made by warrant issued by the secretary  
24 of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by  
25 the secretary of finance and administration or the secretary's

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2 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
3 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall revert to the  
4 general fund.

5 SECTION 4. QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIONS--APPROPRIATIONS.--An  
6 amount equal to one percent of the net receipts of revenue  
7 sharing paid quarterly to the state pursuant to a  
8 revenue-sharing agreement pursuant to Section 11-13-2 NMSA 1978  
9 by a tribal government is appropriated from the general fund in  
10 fiscal year 2013 and in each subsequent fiscal year to the  
11 Native American veteran housing fund to carry out the purposes  
12 of the Native American Veteran Housing Act. Distributions  
13 shall be made on a quarterly basis by the twenty-fifth day of  
14 the month following the receipt of the quarterly revenue-  
15 sharing payment from a tribe. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
16 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall revert to  
17 the general fund.

18 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2012.