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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING DEFINITIONS IN THE TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT; MAKING CHANGES TO SECTIONS OF LAW RELATING TO DISPUTING TAX LIABILITIES; CLARIFYING THAT THE MEANING OF "TAX" MEANS AMOUNT OF TAX DUE AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING THAT NO INTEREST ON A CLAIM FOR REFUND OF AN OVERPAID TAX SHALL BE PAID UNLESS A COMPLETE CLAIM IS FILED WITHIN A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF TIME; CONFORMING SECTIONS OF LAW IN THE NMSA 1978; REPEALING LAWS 2009, CHAPTER 241, SECTION 1 AND LAWS 2009, CHAPTER 242, SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6-21-6.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 341, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-21-6.7. CREDIT ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT CREATED--USE OF ACCOUNT--RELEASE OF MONEY TO THE GENERAL FUND.--

- A. The "credit enhancement account" is created as a separate account within the authority for use only as provided in this section.
- B. All cigarette tax proceeds distributed each month to the authority pursuant to Subsection [6] \underline{E} of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978 shall be deposited in the credit enhancement account.
- C. Amounts deposited in the credit enhancement account may be pledged irrevocably as additional security for the payment of the principal, interest, premiums and expenses on bonds issued by the authority for:
- (1) designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing additions and improvements to the university of New Mexico hospital and the <u>comprehensive</u> cancer [research and treatment] center at the university of New Mexico health sciences center; and
- (2) land acquisition and the planning, designing, construction and equipping of department of health facilities or improvements to such facilities.
- D. The authority shall determine monthly upon receipt of cigarette tax proceeds if the individual amounts of cigarette tax proceeds distributed pursuant to Subsection [\pm] \underline{C} or Subsection [\mp] \underline{D} , respectively, of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978 are sufficient to meet the monthly amount required for immediate payment or designation for payment of principal,

interest, premiums and expenses on bonds additionally secured by the credit enhancement account. Any insufficient amount shall be paid immediately from the credit enhancement account. A payment from the credit enhancement account shall be reimbursed in succeeding months from the individual amount of cigarette tax proceeds distributed pursuant to Subsection [E] C or Subsection [F] D, as applicable, of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978 in excess of the amount required for immediate payment or designation for payment of principal, interest, premiums and expenses on bonds. All money in the credit enhancement account in excess of the monthly amount required for immediate payment or designation for payment of principal, interest, premiums and expenses on bonds shall be transferred monthly by the authority to the general fund.

- E. Upon payment of all principal, interest, premiums and expenses on bonds additionally secured by a pledge of amounts deposited in the credit enhancement account, the authority shall certify to the secretary of taxation and revenue that all obligations for bonds have been fully discharged and shall direct the secretary of taxation and revenue and the state treasurer to cease distributing cigarette tax proceeds to the authority pursuant to Subsection [Θ] E of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978 and to distribute those cigarette tax proceeds to the general fund.
- F. Any law authorizing the imposition, collection .206888.1

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or distribution of the cigarette tax or that affects the cigarette tax shall not be amended, repealed or otherwise directly or indirectly modified so as to impair or reduce debt service coverage for any outstanding revenue bonds that may be secured by a pledge of those cigarette tax proceeds distributed to the credit enhancement account, unless the revenue bonds have been discharged in full or provisions have been made for a full discharge."

SECTION 2. Section 6-21-6.10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 58, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-21-6.10. NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS--PURPOSE -- APPROPRIATION . --

- The authority may issue and sell revenue bonds Α. in compliance with the New Mexico Finance Authority Act in an amount not exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the behavioral health capital fund to make loans to eligible entities for capital projects pursuant to the Behavioral Health Capital Funding Act.
- The net proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the behavioral health capital fund for the purposes described in Subsection A of this section.
- The cigarette tax proceeds distributed to the С. authority pursuant to Subsection [$\frac{1}{2}$] $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978:
- are appropriated to the authority to be (1) .206888.1

pledged irrevocably for the payment of the principal, interest, premiums and related expenses on the bonds and for payment of the expenses incurred by the authority related to the issuance, sale and administration of the bonds; and

- (2) shall be deposited in a separate fund or account of the authority; provided that money in the separate fund or account in excess of the amount necessary for payment of principal and interest on the bonds and necessary reserves or sinking funds may be transferred to any other account of the authority and used for purposes of the New Mexico Finance Authority Act.
- D. The authority may issue and sell revenue bonds in compliance with the New Mexico Finance Authority Act in an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for acquiring land for and planning, designing, constructing and equipping department of health facilities or improvements to those facilities, upon certification from the secretary of health that such projects are needed. The costs associated with issuing the bonds shall be paid from the net proceeds from the sale of the bonds, and the remainder is appropriated to the facilities management division of the general services department for the projects certified pursuant to this subsection.
- E. The cigarette tax proceeds distributed to the authority pursuant to Subsection [\pm] \underline{D} of Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA .206888.1

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(1) are appropriated to the authority to be pledged irrevocably for the payment of the principal, interest, premiums and related expenses of the bonds and for payment of the expenses incurred by the authority related to the issuance, sale and administration of the bonds; and

- (2) shall be deposited in a separate fund or account of the authority.
- F. Any law authorizing the imposition, collection or distribution of the cigarette tax or that affects the cigarette tax shall not be amended, repealed or otherwise directly or indirectly modified so as to impair or reduce debt service coverage for any outstanding revenue bonds that may be secured by a pledge of those cigarette tax revenues, unless the revenue bonds have been discharged in full or provisions have been made for a full discharge.
- G. The authority may secure the revenue bonds issued pursuant to this section by a pledge of money in the public project revolving fund with a lien priority on the money in the public project revolving fund as determined by the authority."
- SECTION 3. Section 6-22-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 105, Section 2) is amended to read:
- "6-22-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the State Aid Intercept Act:

1	A. "default" means the actual nonpayment of
2	principal or interest on a local revenue bond when payment is
3	scheduled by the indenture relating the local revenue bond;
4	B. "local government" means a municipality or
5	county;
6	C. "local revenue bond" means a bond issued after
7	July 1, 1992 pursuant to Sections 3-33-1 through 3-33-43 NMSA
8	1978 or Chapter 4, Article 62 NMSA 1978;
9	D. "qualified local revenue bond" means a local
10	revenue bond for which a state distributions intercept
11	authorization has been granted pursuant to this section;
12	E. "secretary" means the secretary of finance and
13	administration; and
14	F. "state distributions" means any or all of the
15	funds distributed to local governments pursuant to [Section]
16	Sections 7-1-6.4 and 7-1-6.9 [and Subsection B of Section
17	7-1-6.11] NMSA 1978."
18	SECTION 4. Section 7-1-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
19	Chapter 248, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:
20	"7-1-3. DEFINITIONSUnless the context clearly
21	indicates a different meaning, the definitions of words and
22	phrases as they are stated in this section are to be used, and
23	whenever in the Tax Administration Act these words and phrases
24	appear, the singular includes the plural and the plural
25	includes the singular:

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- "automated clearinghouse transaction" means an electronic credit or debit transmitted through an automated clearinghouse payable to the state treasurer and deposited with the fiscal agent of New Mexico;
- "department" means the taxation and revenue В. department, the secretary or any employee of the department exercising authority lawfully delegated to that employee by the secretary;
- "electronic payment" means a payment made by C. automated clearinghouse deposit, any funds wire transfer system or a credit card, debit card or electronic cash transaction through the internet;
- "employee of the department" means any employee D. of the department, including the secretary, or any person acting as agent or authorized to represent or perform services for the department in any capacity with respect to any law made subject to administration and enforcement under the provisions of the Tax Administration Act;
- "financial institution" means any state or federally chartered, federally insured depository institution;
- F. "hearing officer" means a person who has been designated by the chief hearing officer to serve as a hearing officer and who is:
 - the chief hearing officer; (1)
 - an employee of the administrative hearings (2)

office; or

- (3) a contractor of the administrative hearings office;
- G. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as that code may be amended or its sections renumbered;
- H. "levy" means the lawful power, hereby invested in the secretary, to take into possession or to require the present or future surrender to the secretary or the secretary's delegate of any property or rights to property belonging to a delinquent taxpayer;
- I. "local option gross receipts tax" means a tax authorized to be imposed by a county or municipality upon the taxpayer's gross receipts, as that term is defined in the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act, and required to be collected by the department at the same time and in the same manner as the gross receipts tax; "local option gross receipts tax" includes the taxes imposed pursuant to the Municipal Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes Act, Supplemental Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Act, County Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes Act, Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act and County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax Act and such other acts as may be enacted authorizing counties or municipalities to impose taxes on gross receipts, which taxes are to be collected by the department in the same time and in the same manner as it

collects the gross receipts tax;

- J. "managed audit" means a review and analysis conducted by a taxpayer under an agreement with the department to determine the taxpayer's compliance with a tax administered pursuant to the Tax Administration Act and the presentation of the results to the department for assessment of tax found to be due;
- K. "net receipts" means the total amount of money paid by taxpayers to the department in a month pursuant to a tax or tax act less any refunds disbursed in that month with respect to that tax or tax act;
- L. "overpayment" means an amount paid, pursuant to any law subject to administration and enforcement under the provisions of the Tax Administration Act, by a person to the department or withheld from the person in excess of tax due from the person to the state at the time of the payment or at the time the amount withheld is credited against tax due;
 - M. "paid" includes the term "paid over";
 - N. "pay" includes the term "pay over";
 - 0. "payment" includes the term "payment over";
- P. "person" means any individual, estate, trust, receiver, cooperative association, club, corporation, company, firm, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, syndicate, other association or gas, water or electric utility owned or operated by a county or .206888.1

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municipality; "person" also means, to the extent permitted by law, a federal, state or other governmental unit or subdivision, or an agency, department or instrumentality thereof; and "person", as used in Sections 7-1-72 through 7-1-74 NMSA 1978, also includes an officer or employee of a corporation, a member or employee of a partnership or any individual who, as such, is under a duty to perform any act in respect of which a violation occurs;

- "property" means property or rights to property; Q.
- "property or rights to property" means any tangible property, real or personal, or any intangible property of a taxpayer;
- "return" means any tax or information return, application or form, declaration of estimated tax or claim for refund, including any amendments or supplements to the return, required or permitted pursuant to a law subject to administration and enforcement pursuant to the Tax Administration Act and filed with the secretary or the secretary's delegate by or on behalf of any person;
- Τ. "return information" means a taxpayer's name, address, government-issued identification number and other identifying information; any information contained in or derived from a taxpayer's return; any information with respect to any actual or possible administrative or legal action by an employee of the department concerning a taxpayer's return, such

as audits, managed audits, denial of credits or refunds, assessments of tax, penalty or interest, protests of assessments or denial of refunds or credits, levies or liens; or any other information with respect to a taxpayer's return or tax liability that was not obtained from public sources or that was created by an employee of the department; but "return information" does not include statistical data or other information that cannot be associated with or directly or indirectly identify a particular taxpayer;

- U. "secretary" means the secretary of taxation and revenue and, except for purposes of Subsection B of Section 7-1-4 NMSA 1978, also includes the deputy secretary or a division director or deputy division director delegated by the secretary;
- V. "secretary or the secretary's delegate" means the secretary or any employee of the department exercising authority lawfully delegated to that employee by the secretary;
- W. "security" means money, property or rights to
 property or a surety bond;
- X. "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and any territory or possession of the United States;
- Y. "tax" means the total amount of each tax imposed and required to be paid, withheld and paid or collected and paid under provision of any law made subject to administration .206888.1

and enforcement according to the provisions of the Tax

Administration Act, [and, unless the context otherwise

requires, includes] including the amount of any interest or

civil penalty relating thereto; "tax" also means any amount of

any abatement of tax made or any credit, rebate or refund paid

or credited by the department under any law subject to

administration and enforcement under the provisions of the Tax

Administration Act to any person contrary to law, [and

includes, unless the context requires otherwise] including the

amount of any interest or civil penalty relating thereto;

- Z. "tax return preparer" means a person who prepares for others for compensation or who employs one or more persons to prepare for others for compensation any return of income tax, a substantial portion of any return of income tax, any claim for refund with respect to income tax or a substantial portion of any claim for refund with respect to income tax; provided that a person shall not be a "tax return preparer" merely because such person:
- (1) furnishes typing, reproducing or other mechanical assistance;
- (2) is an employee who prepares an income tax return or claim for refund with respect to an income tax return of the employer, or of an officer or employee of the employer, by whom the person is regularly and continuously employed; or
 - (3) prepares as a trustee or other fiduciary

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an income tax return or claim for refund with respect to income tax for any person; and

"taxpayer" means a person liable for payment of any tax; a person responsible for withholding and payment or for collection and payment of any tax; a person to whom an assessment has been made, if the assessment remains unabated or the amount thereof has not been paid; or a person who entered into a special agreement pursuant to Section 7-1-21.1 NMSA 1978 to assume the liability of gross receipts tax or governmental gross receipts tax of another person and the special agreement was approved by the secretary pursuant to the Tax Administration Act."

SECTION 5. Section 7-1-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 398, Section 1) is amended to read:

NEW MEXICO TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS CREATED --"7-1-4.1. PURPOSE. -- The "New Mexico Taxpayer Bill of Rights" is created. It is the purpose of the New Mexico Taxpayer Bill of Rights to:

- ensure that the rights of New Mexico taxpayers are adequately safeguarded and protected during the assessment, collection and enforcement of any tax administered by the department pursuant to the Tax Administration Act;
- ensure that the taxpayer is treated with dignity В. and respect; and
- C. provide brief but comprehensive statements that explain in simple, nontechnical terms the rights of taxpayers .206888.1

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as set forth in Section [2 of this 2003 act] 7-1-4.2 NMSA 1978."

Section 7-1-4.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, SECTION 6. Chapter 398, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-4.2. NEW MEXICO TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS. -- The rights afforded New Mexico taxpayers during the assessment, collection and enforcement of any tax administered by the department as set forth in the Tax Administration Act include:

- the right to available public information and prompt and courteous tax assistance;
- the right to be represented or advised by counsel or other qualified representatives at any time in administrative interactions with the department in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-1-24 NMSA 1978 or the administrative hearings office in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Hearings Office Act;
- the right to have audits, inspections of records and meetings conducted at a reasonable time and place in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-1-11 NMSA 1978;
- D. the right to have the department conduct its audits in a timely and expeditious manner and be entitled to the tolling of interest as provided in the Tax Administration Act;
- Ε. the right to obtain nontechnical information that explains the procedures, remedies and rights available .206888.1

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during audit, protest, appeals and collection proceedings pursuant to the Tax Administration Act;

- F. the right to be provided with an explanation of the results of and the basis for audits, assessments or denials of refunds that identify any amount of tax, interest or penalty due;
- the right to seek review, through formal or informal proceedings, of any findings or adverse decisions relating to determinations during audit or protest procedures in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-1-24 NMSA 1978 and the Administrative Hearings Office Act;
- Η. the right to have the taxpayer's tax information kept confidential unless otherwise specified by law, in accordance with [Section] Sections 7-1-8 through 7-1-8.11 NMSA 1978;
- the right to abatement of an assessment of taxes determined to have been incorrectly, erroneously or illegally made, as provided in Section 7-1-28 NMSA 1978 and the right to seek a compromise of an asserted tax liability by obtaining a written determination of liability or nonliability when the secretary in good faith is in doubt of the liability as provided in Section 7-1-20 NMSA 1978;
- J. upon receipt of a tax assessment, the right to be informed clearly that if the assessment is not paid, secured, protested or otherwise provided for in accordance with .206888.1

the provisions of Section 7-1-16 NMSA 1978, the taxpayer will be a delinquent taxpayer and, upon notice of delinquency, the right to timely notice of any collection actions that will require sale or seizure of the taxpayer's property in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Administration Act; and

K. the right to procedures for payment of tax obligations by installment payment agreements, in accordance with Section 7-1-21 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 7. Section 7-1-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 55, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6. RECEIPTS--DISBURSEMENTS--FUNDS CREATED.--

A. All money received by the department with respect to laws administered pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Administration Act shall be deposited with the state treasurer before the close of the next succeeding business day after receipt of the money, except that for 1989 and every subsequent year, money received with respect to the Income Tax Act during the period starting with the fifth day prior to the due date for payment of income tax for the year and ending on the tenth day following that due date shall be deposited before the close of the tenth business day after receipt of the money.

B. Money received or disbursed by the department shall be accounted for by the department as required by law or regulation of the secretary of finance and administration.

C. Disbursements for tax credits, tax rebates, refunds, the payment of interest, the payment of fees charged by attorneys or collection agencies for collection of accounts as agent for the department, attorney fees and costs awarded by a court or hearing officer, as the result of oil and gas litigation, the payment of credit card service charges on payments of taxes by use of credit cards, distributions and transfers shall be made by the department of finance and administration upon request and certification of their appropriateness by the secretary or the secretary's delegate.

- D. There are hereby created in the state treasury the "tax administration suspense fund", the "extraction taxes suspense fund" and the "workers' compensation collections suspense fund" for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized by the Tax Administration Act.
- E. All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the provisions of the taxes and tax acts set forth in Subsection A of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978 and, through June 30, 2009, federal funds from the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to an agreement that the department and the human services department may enter into for the payment of tax refunds, tax rebates and tax credits to low-income families with dependent children otherwise authorized by state and federal law shall be credited to the tax administration suspense fund and are appropriated

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for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized in this section or otherwise authorized or required by law to be made from the tax administration suspense fund.

- All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the taxes or tax acts set forth in Subsection B of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978 shall be credited to the extraction taxes suspense fund and are appropriated for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized in this section or otherwise authorized or required by law to be made from the extraction taxes suspense fund.
- G. All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the taxes or tax acts set forth in Subsection C of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978 may be credited to the tax administration suspense fund, unless otherwise directed by law to be credited to another fund or agency, and are appropriated for the purpose of making disbursements authorized in this section or otherwise authorized or required by law.
- All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-5-19 NMSA 1978 shall be credited to the workers' compensation collections suspense fund and are appropriated for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized in this section or otherwise authorized or required by law to be made from the workers' compensation collections suspense fund.
- Disbursements to cover expenditures of the .206888.1

department shall be made only upon approval of the secretary or the secretary's delegate.

- J. Miscellaneous receipts from charges made by the department to defray expenses pursuant to the provisions of Section [9-11-6.2] 9-11-6.1 NMSA 1978 and similar charges are appropriated to the department for its use.
- K. From the tax administration suspense fund, there may be disbursed each month amounts approved by the secretary or the secretary's delegate necessary to maintain a fund hereby created and to be known as the "income tax suspense fund". The income tax suspense fund shall be used for the payment of income tax refunds."
- SECTION 8. Section 7-1-6.9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 9, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:
- "7-1-6.9. DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES.--
- A. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made in an amount equal to ten and thirty-eight hundredths percent of the net receipts attributable to the taxes, exclusive of penalties and interest, imposed by the Gasoline Tax Act.
- B. [Except as provided in Subsection D of this section] The amount determined in Subsection A of this section shall be distributed as follows:
- (1) ninety percent of the amount shall be paid .206888.1

to the treasurers of municipalities and H class counties in the proportion that the taxable motor fuel sales in each of the municipalities and H class counties bears to the aggregate taxable motor fuel sales in all of these municipalities and H class counties: and

- (2) ten percent of the amount shall be paid to the treasurers of the counties, including H class counties, in the proportion that the taxable motor fuel sales outside of incorporated municipalities in each of the counties bears to the aggregate taxable motor fuel sales outside of incorporated municipalities in all of the counties.
- c. Except as provided in Subsection D of this section, this distribution shall be paid into a separate road fund in the municipal treasury or county road fund for expenditure only for construction, reconstruction, resurfacing or other improvement or maintenance of public roads, streets, alleys or bridges, including right-of-way and materials acquisition. Money distributed pursuant to this section may be used by a municipality or county to provide matching funds for projects subject to cooperative agreements entered into with the [state highway and] department of transportation [department] pursuant to Section 67-3-28 NMSA 1978. Any municipality or H class county that has created or that creates a "street improvement fund" to which gasoline tax revenues or distributions are irrevocably pledged under Sections 3-34-1

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through 3-34-4 NMSA 1978 or that has pledged all or a portion of gasoline tax revenues or distributions to the payment of bonds shall receive its proportion of the distribution of revenues under this section impressed with and subject to these pledges.

D. This distribution may be paid into a separate road fund or the general fund of the municipality or county if the municipality has a population less than three thousand or the county has a population less than four thousand."

SECTION 9. Section 7-1-6.11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983, Chapter 211, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.11. DISTRIBUTIONS OF CIGARETTE TAXES.--

[6.] A. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the <u>comprehensive</u> cancer [research and treatment] center at the university of New Mexico health sciences center in an amount equal to eighty-three hundredths percent of the net receipts, exclusive of penalties and interest, attributable to the cigarette tax.

 $[\overline{ D_{f r}}]$ $\underline{ B_{f r}}$ A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the New Mexico finance authority in an amount equal to one and twenty-five hundredths percent of the net receipts, exclusive of penalties and interest, attributable to the cigarette tax.

[E.] C. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 in an amount equal to eight and eighty-nine .206888.1

hundredths percent of the net receipts, exclusive of penalties and interest, attributable to the cigarette tax, shall be made, on behalf of and for the benefit of the university of New Mexico health sciences center, to the New Mexico finance authority.

[F.] D. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 in an amount equal to three and seventy-four hundredths percent of the net receipts, exclusive of penalties and interest, attributable to the cigarette tax shall be made to the New Mexico finance authority for land acquisition and the planning, designing, construction and equipping of department of health facilities or improvements to such facilities.

[6.] E. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 in an amount equal to nine and seventy-seven hundredths percent of the net receipts, exclusive of penalties and interest, attributable to the cigarette tax shall be made to the New Mexico finance authority for deposit in the credit enhancement account created in the authority.

 $[H_{\bullet}]$ F_{\bullet} A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 in an amount equal to sixty-two hundredths percent of the net receipts, exclusive of penalties and interest, attributable to the cigarette tax shall be made, on behalf of and for the benefit of the rural county cancer treatment fund, to the New Mexico finance authority."

SECTION 10. Section 7-1-6.24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 265, Section 3) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.24. DISTRIBUTION--SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION

FUND.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the substance abuse education fund of the amounts designated pursuant to Section [7-2-28] 7-2-30 NMSA 1978 as contributions to that fund."

SECTION 11. Section 7-1-6.26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 347, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.26. COUNTY GOVERNMENT ROAD FUND--DISTRIBUTION.--

A. For the purposes of this section, "distributable amount" means the amount in the county government road fund as of the last day of any month for which a distribution is required to be made pursuant to this section in excess of the balance in that fund as of the last day of the preceding month after reduction for any required distributions for the preceding month.

B. The secretary of [highway and] transportation shall determine and certify on or before [July 1, 1987 and on or before] July 1 of each [subsequent] year the total miles of public roads maintained by each county pursuant to Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978. For the purposes of this subsection, if the certified mileage of public roads maintained by a county is less than four hundred miles, the state treasurer shall increase the number of miles of public roads maintained by that .206888.1

county by fifty percent and revise the total miles of public roads maintained by all counties accordingly. Except as provided otherwise in Subsection D of this section, each county shall receive an amount equal to its proportionate share of miles of public roads maintained, as the number of miles for the county may have been revised pursuant to this subsection, to the total miles of public roads maintained by all counties, as that total may have been revised pursuant to this subsection, times fifty percent of the distributable amount in the county government road fund.

- C. Except as provided otherwise in Subsection D of this section, each county shall receive a share of fifty percent of the distributable amount in the county government road fund as determined in this subsection. The amount for each county shall be the greater of:
- (1) twenty-one cents (\$.21) multiplied by the county's population as shown by the most recent federal decennial census; or
- (2) the proportionate share that the taxable gallons of gasoline reported for that county for the preceding fiscal year bear to the total taxable gallons of gasoline for all counties in the preceding fiscal year, as determined by the department, multiplied by fifty percent of the distributable amount in the county government road fund.

If the sum of the amounts to be distributed pursuant to .206888.1

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection exceeds fifty percent of the distributable amount in the county government road fund, the excess shall be eliminated by multiplying the amount determined in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection for each county by a fraction, the numerator of which is fifty percent of the distributable amount in the county government road fund, and the denominator of which is the sum of amounts determined for all counties in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

- D. If the distribution for a class A county or for an H class county determined pursuant to Subsections B and C of this section exceeds an amount equal to one-twelfth of the product of the total taxable gallons of gasoline reported for the county for the preceding fiscal year times one cent (\$.01), the distribution for that county shall be reduced to an amount equal to one-twelfth of the product of the total taxable gallons of gasoline reported for the county for the preceding fiscal year times one cent (\$.01). Any amount of the reduction shall be shared among the counties whose distribution has not been reduced pursuant to this subsection in the ratio of the amounts computed in Subsections B and C of this section.
- E. If a county has not made the required mileage certification pursuant to Section 67-3-28.3 NMSA 1978 [by May 1, 1988, and] by April 1 of every year [thereafter] of the year for which distribution is being made, the secretary of [highway .206888.1

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and] transportation shall estimate the mileage maintained by those counties for the purpose of making distribution to all counties, and the amount calculated to be distributed each month to those counties not certifying mileage shall be reduced by one-third each month for that fiscal year and that amount not distributed to those counties shall be distributed equally to all counties that have certified mileages.

Distributions made to counties pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the county road fund to be used for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing or other improvement or maintenance of the public roads and bridges in the county, including right-of-way and materials acquisition. Money distributed pursuant to this section may be used by the county to provide matching funds for projects subject to cooperative agreements entered into with the [state highway and department of transportation [department] pursuant to Section 67-3-28 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 12. Section 7-1-6.32 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 99, Section 44, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.32. DISTRIBUTION--SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT FEE.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the solid waste facility grant fund of the net receipts attributable to the solid waste assessment fee authorized under the Solid Waste Act less any administrative fee withheld pursuant to Section [1 of this 1997 act] 7-1-6.41 NMSA 1978."

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SECTION 13. Section 7-1-6.33 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 212, Section 15) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.33. DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTY-SUPPORTED MEDICAID

FUND.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978

shall be made to the county-supported medicaid fund of the net receipts attributable to the taxes imposed pursuant to [the County Health Care Gross Receipts Tax Act] 7-20E-18 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 14. Section 7-1-6.41 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997, Chapter 125, Section 1) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.41. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE IMPOSED--APPROPRIATION.--

A. The [taxation and revenue] department is directed to withhold an administrative fee of three percent of the net amount to be distributed under the provisions of:

- (1) Section 7-1-6.32 NMSA 1978;
- (2) Section 66-12-20 NMSA 1978; and
- (3) Section 74-1-13 NMSA 1978.
- B. The administrative fee to be withheld pursuant to Subsection A of this section shall be withheld on distributions made on or after July 1, 1997 and shall continue until the earlier of December 31, 2006 or the date on which the New Mexico finance authority certifies to the [taxation and revenue] department that all obligations for bonds issued pursuant to [Section 12 of this 1997 act] Laws 1997, Chapter 125, Section 12 have been fully discharged and directs the department to cease distributing money to the authority

pursuant to this section. At the end of a fiscal year, the unexpended balances of the fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not revert to the general fund but shall be retained by the department, subject to appropriation by the legislature, to carry out the purposes of the Tax Administration Act.

- C. The [taxation and revenue] department is directed to withhold an additional administrative fee at the following percentage of the net amount to be distributed pursuant to the following provisions of law:
- (1) two percent of the net amount to be distributed pursuant to Section 7-1-6.12 NMSA 1978; and
- (2) six-tenths of one percent of the net amount to be distributed pursuant to Section 7-1-6.13 NMSA 1978.
- D. The administrative fee to be withheld under Subsection C of this section shall be withheld on distributions made on or after July 1, 1997 and shall continue until the earlier of July 1, 2000 or the date on which the New Mexico finance authority certifies to the [taxation and revenue] department that all obligations for bonds issued pursuant to [Section 12 of this 1997 act] Laws 1997, Chapter 125, Section 12 have been fully discharged and directs the department to cease distributing money to the authority pursuant to this section. At the end of a fiscal year, the unexpended balances .206888.1

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of the fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not revert to the general fund but shall be retained by the department, subject to appropriation by the legislature, to carry out the purposes of the Tax Administration Act.

- E. The administrative fee to be withheld by the [taxation and revenue] department under [Section] Sections
 7-1-6.12 and 7-1-6.13 NMSA 1978 shall be set at three percent of the net amount to be distributed pursuant to the provisions of those sections.
- The administrative fee to be withheld under Subsection E of this section shall be withheld on distributions made on or after July 1, 2000 and shall continue until the earlier of December 31, 2006 or the date on which the New Mexico finance authority certifies to the [taxation and revenue] department that all obligations for bonds issued pursuant to [Section 12 of this 1997 act] Laws 1997, Chapter 125, Section 12 have been fully discharged and directs the department to cease distributing money to the authority pursuant to this section. [After the department has been directed by the authority to cease distributing money to the authority pursuant to this section, the administrative fee shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund each month] At the end of a fiscal year, the unexpended balances of the fees collected pursuant to this section shall not revert to the general fund but shall be

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Administration Act.				

G. The administrative fee shall be distributed monthly to the New Mexico finance authority to be pledged irrevocably for the payment of principal, interest and any expenses or obligations related to the bonds issued by the authority to finance the taxation and revenue information management systems project."

SECTION 15. Section 7-1-6.48 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 56, Section 1) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.48. DISTRIBUTION--CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH--AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS RESEARCH.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research fund in an amount equal to the money designated pursuant to [the Income Tax Act]

Section 7-2-30.1 NMSA 1978 as contributions to the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research fund."

SECTION 16. Section 7-1-6.49 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 87, Section 1) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.49. DISTRIBUTION--CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE PARKS DIVISION.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the energy, minerals and natural resources department in an amount equal to the money designated pursuant to [the Income Tax Act] Section 7-2-30.2 NMSA 1978 as .206888.1

contributions to the state parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department for the kids in parks education program. The energy, minerals and natural resources department shall remit the amount designated for the state parks division to the state parks division for expenditure for the kids in parks education program."

SECTION 17. Section 7-1-6.50 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 220, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.50. DISTRIBUTION--CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE.--A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the department of military affairs in an amount equal to the money designated pursuant to [the Income Tax Act] Section 7-2-30.3 NMSA 1978 as contributions for assistance to members of the New Mexico national guard deployed overseas for a period of thirty or more consecutive days and to their families. The department of military affairs shall deposit the money in a temporary suspense account for distribution to members of the New Mexico national guard and to their families."

SECTION 18. Section 7-1-6.59 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009, Chapter 175, Section 1) is amended to read:

"7-1-6.59. DISTRIBUTION--VETERANS MEMORIAL OPERATION,
MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT.--A distribution pursuant to
Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the state parks
division of the energy, minerals and natural resources
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department in an amount equal to the money designated pursuant
to [the Income Tax Act] Section 7-2-30.4 NMSA 1978 as
contributions to the state parks division of the energy,
minerals and natural resources department for the operation,
maintenance and improvement of the Vietnam veterans memorial
state park near Angel Fire, New Mexico."
SECTION 19. Section 7-1-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
Chapter 248, Section 13, as amended by Laws 2009, Chapter 241
Section 1 and by Laws 2009, Chapter 242, Section 2 and also by

"7-1-8. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RETURNS AND OTHER INFORMATION.--

Laws 2009, Chapter 243, Section 2) is amended to read:

A. It is unlawful for any person other than the taxpayer to reveal to any other person the taxpayer's return or return information, except as provided in Sections 7-1-8.1 through [7-1-8.10] 7-1-8.11 NMSA 1978.

B. A return or return information revealed under Sections 7-1-8.1 through [7-1-8.10] 7-1-8.11 NMSA 1978:

- (1) may only be revealed to a person specifically authorized to receive the return or return information and the employees, directors, officers and agents of such person whose official duties or duties in the course of their employment require the return or return information and to an employee of the department;
- (2) may only be revealed for the authorized .206888.1

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purpose and only to the extent necessary to perform that authorized purpose;

- shall at all times be protected from being (3) revealed to an unauthorized person by physical, electronic or any other safeguards specified by directive by the secretary; and
- shall be returned to the secretary or the secretary's delegate or destroyed as soon as it is no longer required for the authorized purpose.
- C. If any provision of Sections 7-1-8.1 through [7-1-8.10] 7-1-8.11 NMSA 1978 requires that a return or return information will only be revealed pursuant to a written agreement between a person and the department, the written agreement shall:
- list the name and position of any official (1) or employee of the person to whom a return or return information is authorized to be revealed under the provision;
- describe the specific purpose for which the return or return information is to be used:
- (3) describe the procedures and safeguards the person has in place to ensure that the requirements of Subsection B of this section are met; and
- (4) provide for reimbursement to the department for all costs incurred by the department in supplying the returns or return information to, and .206888.1

administering the agreement with, the person.

D. A return or return information that is lawfully made public by an employee of the department or any other person, or that is made public by the taxpayer, is not subject to the provisions of this section once it is made public."

SECTION 20. Section 7-1-8.8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009, Chapter 243, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-8.8. INFORMATION THAT MAY BE REVEALED TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES.--An employee of the department may reveal to:

- A. a committee of the legislature for a valid legislative purpose, return information concerning any tax or fee imposed pursuant to the Cigarette Tax Act;
- B. the attorney general, return information acquired pursuant to the Cigarette Tax Act for purposes of Section 6-4-13 NMSA 1978 and the master settlement agreement defined in Section 6-4-12 NMSA 1978;
- C. the commissioner of public lands, return information for use in auditing that pertains to rentals, royalties, fees and other payments due the state under land sale, land lease or other land use contracts;
- D. the secretary of human services or the secretary's delegate under a written agreement with the department, the last known address with date of all names certified to the department as being absent parents of children receiving public financial assistance, but only for the purpose .206888.1

of enforcing the support liability of the absent parents by the child support enforcement division or any successor organizational unit;

- E. the department of information technology, by electronic media, a database updated quarterly that contains the names, addresses, county of address and taxpayer identification numbers of New Mexico personal income tax filers, but only for the purpose of producing the random jury list for the selection of petit or grand jurors for the state courts pursuant to Section 38-5-3 NMSA 1978;
- F. the state courts, the random jury lists produced by the department of information technology under Subsection E of this section;
- G. the director of the New Mexico department of agriculture or the director's authorized representative, upon request of the director or representative, the names and addresses of all gasoline or special fuel distributors, wholesalers and retailers;
- H. the public regulation commission, return information with respect to the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act required to enable the commission to carry out its duties:
- I. the state racing commission, return information with respect to the state, municipal and county gross receipts taxes paid by racetracks;

- J. the gaming control board, tax returns of license applicants and their affiliates as provided in Subsection E of Section 60-2E-14 NMSA 1978;
- K. the director of the workers' compensation administration or to the director's representatives authorized for this purpose, return information to facilitate the identification of taxpayers that are delinquent or noncompliant in payment of fees required by Section 52-1-9.1 or 52-5-19 NMSA 1978;
- L. the secretary of workforce solutions or the secretary's delegate, return information for use in enforcement of unemployment insurance collections pursuant to the terms of a written reciprocal agreement entered into by the department with the secretary of workforce solutions for exchange of information; [and]
- M. the New Mexico finance authority, information with respect to the amount of municipal and county gross receipts taxes collected by municipalities and counties pursuant to any local option municipal or county gross receipts taxes imposed, and information with respect to the amount of governmental gross receipts taxes paid by every agency, institution, instrumentality or political subdivision of the state pursuant to Section 7-9-4.3 NMSA 1978; and
- N. the secretary of human services or the secretary's delegate; provided that a person who receives the .206888.1

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confidential return information on behalf of the human services
department shall not reveal the information and shall be
subject to the penalties in Section 7-1-76 NMSA 1978 if the
person fails to maintain the confidentiality required:

(1) that return information needed for reports required to be made to the federal government concerning the use of federal funds for low-income working families; and

taxpayers for the limited purpose of outreach to those
taxpayers; provided that the human services department shall
pay the department for expenses incurred by the department to
derive the information requested by the human services
department if the information requested is not readily
available in reports for which the department's information
systems are programmed."

SECTION 21. A new section of the Tax Administration Act, Section 7-1-8.11 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"7-1-8.11. [NEW MATERIAL] INFORMATION THAT MAY BE REVEALED TO A WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT.--

A. An employee of the department may reveal to the officials and employees of a water and sanitation district of this state that has in effect a water and sanitation gross receipts tax imposed by the water and sanitation district upon its request for a period specified by that water and sanitation district within the twelve months preceding the request for the .206888.1

information by those officials and employees:

- (1) the names, taxpayer identification numbers and addresses of registered gross receipts taxpayers reporting gross receipts for that water and sanitation district; the department may also release the information described in this paragraph quarterly or upon any other periodic basis to which the secretary and the district agree; and
- (2) information indicating whether the persons shown on a list of businesses within the water and sanitation district have reported gross receipts to the department but have not reported gross receipts for that water and sanitation district.
- B. The officials and employees of water and sanitation districts receiving information as provided in this section shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 7-1-8 NMSA 1978 and the penalty provisions of Section 7-1-76 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 22. Section 7-1-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-11. INSPECTION OF BOOKS OF TAXPAYERS--CREDENTIALS.--

A. To determine the correct amount of tax due, the department shall cause the records and books of account of taxpayers to be inspected or audited at such times as the department deems necessary for the effective execution of the department's responsibilities.

- B. Auditors and other officials of the department designated by the secretary are authorized to request and require the production for examination of the records and books of account of a taxpayer. Auditors and officials of the department designated by the secretary shall be furnished with credentials identifying them as such, which they shall display to any taxpayer whose books are sought to be examined.
- C. Taxpayers shall upon request make their records and books of account available for inspection at reasonable hours to the secretary or the secretary's delegate who presents proper identification to the taxpayer.
- D. If the taxpayer's records and books of account do not exist or are insufficient to determine the taxpayer's tax liability, if any, the department may use any reasonable method of estimating the tax liability, including but not limited to using information about similar persons, businesses or industries to estimate the taxpayer's liability.
- E. The secretary or the secretary's delegate shall develop and maintain written audit policies and procedures for all audit programs in which the department routinely conducts field audits of taxpayers, including policies and procedures concerning audit notification, scheduling, records that may be examined, analysis that may be done, sampling procedures, gathering information or evidence from third parties, policies concerning the rights of taxpayers under audit and related

1	matters. Department audit policies and procedures shall be		
2	made available to a person who requests them, at a reasonable		
3	charge to defray the cost of preparing and distributing those		
4	policies and procedures.		
5	$\underline{\mathtt{F.}}$ Nothing in this section shall be construed to		
6	require the department to provide [information that is		
7	confidential pursuant to Section 7-1-8 NMSA 1978, nor shall the		
8	department be required to provide information concerning how		
9	taxpayers are selected for audit] the following:		
10	(1) information that is confidential pursuant		
11	to Section 7-1-8 NMSA 1978; or		
12	(2) information concerning how taxpayers are		
13	selected for audit, including the use of:		
14	(a) data analytics;		
15	(b) data mining;		
16	(c) a scoring model;		
17	(d) methods, techniques and methodology;		
18	(e) internal controls; and		
19	(f) metadata used to detect fraud and		
20	noncompliance.		
21	G. For purposes of this section:		
22	(1) "data analytics" means the science of		
23	examining data with the purpose of drawing conclusions about		
24	the information;		
25	(2) "data mining" means the process of		
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analyzing data from different perspectives and summarizing it into useful information by collecting data into data sets for the purpose of discovering patterns;

- (3) "scoring model" means a predictive model
 that can predict the chance of occurring of a fact and its
 occurrence;
- (4) "methods, techniques and methodology"

 means a systematic way to accomplish a tactic, qualitative or

 quantitative component of research and the use of a specific

 method;
- (5) "internal controls" means a process of assuring achievement of an organization's objectives in operational effectiveness and efficiency, reliable financial reporting and compliance with laws, regulations and policies; and
- (6) "metadata" means data that provides information about other data."

SECTION 23. Section 7-1-12.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985, Chapter 65, Section 13, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-12.2. NOTICE OF IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ASSIGNED-OPERATOR MAY REQUEST IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.--The department
shall inform each operator of a production unit [by mail] as to
the identification number or symbol assigned to such production
unit. Such number or symbol may be changed or revised and
information regarding such change or revision shall likewise be
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given the operator [by mail]. In the creation of a new production unit or in the event of a change of ownership or revision in a production unit, the operator may request the department to assign a new identification number or symbol, and the department shall notify the operator of the identification number or symbol to be used."

SECTION 24. Section 7-1-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 25, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-23. DISPUTING LIABILITIES--ELECTION OF REMEDIES.-Any taxpayer must elect to dispute the taxpayer's liability for
the payment of taxes either by protesting the assessment
thereof as provided in Section 7-1-24 NMSA 1978 without making
payment of the disputed tax liability or by claiming a refund
thereof as provided in Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978 after making
payment of the disputed tax liability. The pursuit of one of
the two remedies described herein constitutes an unconditional
waiver of the right to pursue the other."

SECTION 25. Section 7-1-24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 26, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-24. DISPUTING LIABILITIES--ADMINISTRATIVE PROTEST.--

- A. A taxpayer may dispute:
- (1) the assessment to the taxpayer of any amount of tax;
- (2) the application to the taxpayer of any provision of the Tax Administration Act except the issuance of .206888.1

a subpoena or summons; or

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- the denial of or failure either to allow or to deny a:
 - credit or rebate; or
- claim for refund made in accordance (b) with Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978.
- The taxpayer may dispute a matter described in Subsection A of this section by filing with the secretary a written protest. Every protest shall identify the taxpayer and the tax credit, rebate, property or provision of the Tax Administration Act involved and state the grounds for the taxpayer's protest and the affirmative relief requested. statement of grounds for protest shall specify individual grounds upon which the protest is based and [a summary statement of the] evidence [if any, expected to be produced] supporting each ground asserted; provided that the taxpayer may supplement the statement at any time prior to ten days before the hearing conducted on the protest pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Hearings Office Act or, if a scheduling order has been issued, in accordance with the scheduling order. The secretary may, in appropriate cases, provide for an informal conference before a hearing of the protest is set by the administrative hearings office or before acting on a claim for refund.
- In the case of an assessment of tax by the .206888.1

department, a protest may be filed without making payment of
the amount assessed; provided that, if only a portion of the
assessment is in dispute, any unprotested amounts of tax,
interest or penalty shall be paid, or, if applicable, an
installment agreement pursuant to Section 7-1-21 NMSA 1978
shall be entered into for the unprotested amounts, on or before
the due date for the protest.

[G.] D. A protest by a taxpayer shall be filed within ninety days of the date of the mailing to or service upon the taxpayer by the department of the notice of assessment or other peremptory notice or demand, the date of mailing or filing a return, the date of the application to the taxpayer of the applicable provision of the Tax Administration Act, the date of denial of a claim pursuant to Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978 or the last date upon which the department was required to take action on the claim but failed to take action.

<u>E.</u> If a protest <u>to a notice of assessment</u> is not filed within the time required:

- (1) the amount of tax determined to be due becomes final;
- (2) the taxpayer is deemed to have waived and abandoned the right to question the amount of tax determined to be due, unless the taxpayer pays the tax and claims a refund of the tax pursuant to Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978; and
 - (3) the secretary may proceed to enforce

collection of any tax if the taxpayer is delinquent within the meaning of Section 7-1-16 NMSA 1978.

 $\underline{F.}$ The fact that the department did not mail the assessment or other peremptory notice or demand by certified or registered mail or otherwise demand and receive acknowledgment of receipt by the taxpayer shall not be deemed to demonstrate the taxpayer's inability to protest within the required time.

 $[\mathfrak{D}_{\bullet}]$ <u>G.</u> No proceedings other than those to enforce collection of an amount assessed as tax and to protect the interest of the state by injunction, as provided in Sections 7-1-31, 7-1-33, 7-1-34, 7-1-40, 7-1-53, 7-1-56 and 7-1-58 NMSA 1978, are stayed by timely filing of a protest pursuant to the provisions of this section.

 $[E_{ullet}]$ \underline{H}_{ullet} Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a criminal proceeding or to authorize an administrative protest of the issuance of a subpoena or summons."

SECTION 26. Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 28, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-26. DISPUTING LIABILITIES--CLAIM FOR CREDIT, REBATE
OR REFUND.--

A. A person who believes that an amount of tax has been paid by or withheld from that person in excess of that for which the person was liable, who has been denied any credit or rebate claimed or who claims a prior right to property in the .206888.1

possession of the department pursuant to a levy made under authority of Sections 7-1-31 through 7-1-34 NMSA 1978 may claim a refund by directing to the secretary, within the time limited by the provisions of Subsections $[\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}]$ $\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}$ and $\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}$ $\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}$ of this section, a written claim for refund. At the time the written claim is submitted, except as provided in Subsection $\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}$ $\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}$ of this section, a refund claim shall include:

- (1) the taxpayer's name, address and identification number;
- (2) the type of tax for which a refund is being claimed, the credit or rebate denied or the property levied upon;
- (3) the sum of money or other property being claimed;
- (4) with respect to refund, the period for which overpayment was made; and
- (5) a brief statement of the facts and the law on which the claim is based, which may be referred to as the "basis for the refund", which shall include documentation that substantiates the written claim and supports the taxpayer's basis for the refund.
- B. If the department requests additional relevant documentation from a taxpayer who has submitted a claim for refund, the claim for refund will not be considered complete until the taxpayer provides the requested documentation. The .206888.1

provisions of Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of this section and of Section 7-1-68 NMSA 1978 do not apply until a refund claim is complete.

[B.] C. The secretary or the secretary's delegate may allow the claim in whole or in part or may deny the claim. If the:

- (1) [If the] claim is denied in whole or in part in writing, no claim may be refiled with respect to that which was denied, but the person, within ninety days after either the mailing or delivery of the denial of all or any part of the claim, may elect to pursue one, but not more than one, of the remedies in Subsection [6] D of this section; and
- (2) [If the] department has neither granted nor denied any portion of a complete claim for refund within one hundred [twenty days of the date the claim was mailed or delivered to the department, the person may refile it within the time limits set forth in Subsection D of this section or may within ninety days elect to pursue one, but only one, of the remedies in Subsection C of this section. After the expiration of the two hundred ten days from the date the claim was mailed or delivered to the department, the department may not approve or disapprove the claim unless the person has pursued one of the remedies under Subsection C of this section] eighty days of the date the claim was mailed or otherwise delivered to the department, the person may elect to treat the

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2	of the remedies provided in Subsection D of this section.
3	[C.] D. A person may elect to pursue no more than
4	one of the remedies in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
5	subsection. A person who timely pursues more than one remedy
6	shall be deemed to have elected the first remedy invoked. The
7	person may:
8	(1) direct to the secretary, pursuant to the
9	provisions of Section 7-1-24 NMSA 1978, a written protest that
10	shall set forth:
11	(a) the circumstances of: 1) an alleged
12	overpayment; 2) a denied credit; 3) a denied rebate; or 4) a
13	denial of a prior right to property levied upon by the
14	department;
15	(b) an allegation that, because of that
16	overpayment or denial, the state is indebted to the taxpayer
17	for a specified amount, including any allowed interest, or for
18	the property;
19	(c) demanding the refund to the taxpayer
20	of that amount or that property; and
21	(d) reciting the facts of the claim for
22	refund; or
23	(2) commence a civil action in the district
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rebate or denial of a prior right to property levied upon by the department alleging that on account thereof the state is indebted to the plaintiff in the amount or property stated, together with any interest allowable, demanding the refund to the plaintiff of that amount or property and reciting the facts of the claim for refund. The plaintiff or the secretary may appeal from any final decision or order of the district court to the court of appeals.

- $[rac{B_{ullet}}{F}]$ \underline{E}_{ullet} Except as otherwise provided in Subsection $[rac{E}]$ \underline{F} of this section, no credit or refund of any amount may be allowed or made to any person unless as the result of a claim made by that person as provided in this section:
- (1) within three years of the end of the calendar year in which:
- (a) the payment was originally due or the overpayment resulted from an assessment by the department pursuant to Section 7-1-17 NMSA 1978, whichever is later;
- (b) the final determination of value occurs with respect to any overpayment that resulted from a disapproval by any agency of the United States or the state of New Mexico or any court of increase in value of a product subject to taxation under the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Conservation Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax Act or the Natural Gas Processors Tax Act;

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when a taxpayer under audit by the department has signed a waiver of the limitation on assessments on or after July 1, 1993 pursuant to Subsection F of Section 7-1-18 NMSA 1978, the taxpayer may file a claim for refund of the same tax paid for the same period for which the waiver was given, until a date one year after the later of the date of the mailing of an assessment issued pursuant to the audit, the date of the mailing of final audit findings to the taxpayer or the date a proceeding is begun in court by the department with

respect to the same tax and the same period;

(4) if the payment of an amount of tax was not made within three years of the end of the calendar year in which the original due date of the tax or date of the assessment of the department occurred, a claim for refund of that amount of tax can be made within one year of the date on which the tax was paid; or

or after July 1, 1993 under Subsection B, C or D of Section 7-1-18 NMSA 1978 and when the assessment applies to a period ending at least three years prior to the beginning of the year in which the assessment was made, the taxpayer may claim a refund for the same tax for the period of the assessment or for any period following that period within one year of the date of the assessment unless a longer period for claiming a refund is provided in this section.

[E.] F. No credit or refund shall be allowed or made to any person claiming a refund of gasoline tax under Section 7-13-11 NMSA 1978 unless notice of the destruction of the gasoline was given to the department within thirty days of the actual destruction and the claim for refund is made within six months of the date of destruction. No credit or refund shall be allowed or made to any person claiming a refund of gasoline tax under Section 7-13-17 NMSA 1978 unless the refund is claimed within six months of the date of purchase of the

gasoline and the gasoline has been used at the time the claim for refund is made.

[F.] G. If as a result of an audit by the department or a managed audit covering multiple periods an overpayment of tax is found in any period under the audit, that overpayment may be credited against an underpayment of the same tax found in another period under audit pursuant to Section 7-1-29 NMSA 1978, provided that the taxpayer files a claim for refund for the overpayments identified in the audit.

[G.] H. Any refund of tax paid under any tax or tax act administered under Subsection B of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978 may be made, at the discretion of the department, in the form of credit against future tax payments if future tax liabilities in an amount at least equal to the credit amount reasonably may be expected to become due.

[H-] I. For the purposes of this section, "oil and gas tax return" means a return reporting tax due with respect to oil, natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide, helium or nonhydrocarbon gas pursuant to the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Conservation Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax Act, the Natural Gas Processors Tax Act or the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act.

[1.] J. The filing of a fully completed original income tax return, corporate income tax return, corporate .206888.1

income and franchise tax return, estate tax return or special fuel excise tax return that shows a balance due the taxpayer or a fully completed amended income tax return, an amended corporate income tax return, an amended corporate income and franchise tax return, an amended estate tax return, an amended special fuel excise tax return or an amended oil and gas tax return that shows a lesser tax liability than the original return constitutes the filing of a claim for refund for the difference in tax due shown on the original and amended returns."

SECTION 27. Section 7-1-29 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 31, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-29. AUTHORITY TO MAKE REFUNDS OR CREDITS.--

A. In response to a claim for refund, credit or rebate made as provided in Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978, but before a court acquires jurisdiction of the matter, the secretary or the secretary's delegate may authorize payment to a person in the amount of the [ereditor] credit or rebate claimed or refund an overpayment of tax determined by the secretary or the secretary's delegate to have been erroneously made by the person, together with allowable interest. A payment of a credit rebate claimed or a refund of tax and interest erroneously paid amounting to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more shall be made with the prior approval of the attorney general, except that the secretary or the secretary's delegate

may make refunds with respect to the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Conservation Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax Act, the Natural Gas Processors Tax Act or the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act, Section 7-13-17 NMSA 1978 and the Cigarette Tax Act without the prior approval of the attorney general regardless of the amount.

- B. Pursuant to the final order of the district court, the court of appeals, the supreme court of New Mexico or a federal court, from which order, appeal or review is not successfully taken, adjudging that a person has properly claimed a credit or rebate or made an overpayment of tax, the secretary shall authorize the payment to the person of the amount thereof.
- C. In the discretion of the secretary, any amount of credit or rebate to be paid or tax to be refunded may be offset against any amount of tax for which the person due to receive the credit, rebate payment or refund is liable. The secretary or the secretary's delegate shall give notice to the taxpayer that the credit, rebate payment or refund will be made in this manner, and the taxpayer shall be entitled to interest pursuant to Section 7-1-68 NMSA 1978 until the tax liability is credited with the credit, rebate or refund amount.
- D. In an audit by the department or a managed audit covering multiple reporting periods in which both underpayments .206888.1

and overpayments of a tax have been made in different reporting periods, the department shall credit the tax overpayments against the underpayments, provided that the taxpayer files a claim for refund of the overpayments. An overpayment shall be applied as a credit first to the earliest underpayment and then to succeeding underpayments. An underpayment of tax to which an overpayment is credited pursuant to this section shall be deemed paid in the period in which the overpayment was made or the period to which the overpayment was credited against an underpayment, whichever is later. If the overpayments credited pursuant to this section exceed the underpayments of a tax, the amount of the net overpayment for the periods covered in the audit shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

- E. When a taxpayer makes a payment identified to a particular return or assessment, and the department determines that the payment exceeds the amount due pursuant to that return or assessment, the secretary may apply the excess to the taxpayer's other liabilities pursuant to the tax acts to which the return or assessment applies, without requiring the taxpayer to file a claim for a refund. The liability to which an overpayment is applied pursuant to this section shall be deemed paid in the period in which the overpayment was made or the period to which the overpayment was applied, whichever is later.
- F. If the department determines, upon review of an .206888.1

original or amended income tax return, corporate income and franchise tax return, estate tax return, special fuels excise tax return or oil and gas tax return, that there has been an overpayment of tax for the taxable period to which the return or amended return relates in excess of the amount due to be refunded to the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of Subsection [\frac{1}{2}] \(\frac{1}{2} \) of Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978, the department may refund that excess amount to the taxpayer without requiring the taxpayer to file a refund claim.

- G. Records of refunds and credits made in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be available for inspection by the public. The department shall keep such records for a minimum of three years from the date of the refund or credit.
- H. In response to a timely refund claim pursuant to Section 7-1-26 NMSA 1978 and notwithstanding any other provision of the Tax Administration Act, the secretary or the secretary's delegate may refund or credit a portion of an assessment of tax paid, including applicable penalties and interest representing the amount of tax previously paid by another person on behalf of the taxpayer on the same transaction, provided that the requirements of equitable recoupment are met. For purposes of this subsection, the refund claim may be filed by the taxpayer to whom the assessment was issued or by another person who claims to have

previously paid the tax on behalf of the taxpayer. Prior to granting the refund or credit, the secretary may require a waiver of all rights to claim a refund or credit of the tax previously paid by another person paying a tax on behalf of the taxpayer."

SECTION 28. Section 7-1-61 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 62, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-61. DUTY OF SUCCESSOR IN BUSINESS.--

A. As used in Sections 7-1-61 through [7-1-64]

7-1-63 NMSA 1978, "tax" means the amount of tax due, including penalties and interest, imposed by provisions of the taxes or tax acts set forth in Subsections A and B of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978, except the Income Tax Act.

- B. The tangible and intangible property used in any business remains subject to liability for payment of the tax due on account of that business to the extent stated herein, even though the business changes hands.
- O. If any person liable for any amount of tax from operating a business transfers that business to a successor, the successor shall place in a trust account sufficient money from the purchase price or other source to cover such amount of tax until the secretary or secretary's delegate issues a certificate stating that no amount is due, or the successor shall pay over the amount due to the department upon proper demand for, or assessment of, that amount due by the

secretary."

SECTION 29. Section 7-1-68 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 69, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-68. INTEREST ON OVERPAYMENTS.--

- A. As provided in this section, interest shall be allowed and paid on the amount of tax overpaid by a person that is subsequently refunded or credited to that person.
- B. Interest on overpayments of tax shall accrue and be paid at the underpayment rate established pursuant to Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code, computed on a daily basis; provided that if a different rate is specified by a compact or other interstate agreement to which New Mexico is a party, that rate shall apply to amounts due under the compact or other agreement.
- C. Unless otherwise provided by this section, interest on an overpayment not arising from an assessment by the department shall be paid from the date of the claim for refund until a date preceding by not more than thirty days the date of the credit or refund to any person; and interest on an overpayment arising from an assessment by the department shall be paid from the date of overpayment until a date preceding by not more than thirty days the date of the credit or refund to any person.
- D. No interest shall be allowed or paid with respect to an amount credited or refunded if:

1	(1) the amount of interest due is less than
2	one dollar (\$1.00);
3	(2) the credit or refund is made within:
4	(a) fifty-five days of the date of the
5	complete claim for refund of income tax, pursuant to either the
6	Income Tax Act or the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act
7	for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year in which
8	the claim is made;
9	(b) sixty days of the date of the
10	complete claim for refund of any tax not provided for in this
11	paragraph;
12	(c) seventy-five days of the date of the
13	complete claim for refund of gasoline tax to users of gasoline
14	off the highways;
15	(d) one hundred twenty days of the date
16	of the <u>complete</u> claim for refund of tax imposed pursuant to the
17	Resources Excise Tax Act, the Severance Tax Act, the Oil and
18	Gas Severance Tax Act, the Oil and Gas Conservation Tax Act,
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20	Valorem Production Tax Act, the Natural Gas Processors Tax Act
21	or the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act; or
22	(e) one hundred twenty days of the date
23	of the <u>complete</u> claim for refund of income tax, pursuant to the
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- (3) Sections 6611(f) and 6611(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, as those sections may be amended or renumbered, prohibit payment of interest for federal income tax purposes;
- the credit results from overpayments found in an audit of multiple reporting periods and applied to underpayments found in that audit or refunded as a net overpayment to the taxpayer pursuant to Section 7-1-29 NMSA 1978;
- the department applies the credit or (5) refund to an intercept program, to the taxpayer's estimated payment prior to the due date for the estimated payment or to offset prior liabilities of the taxpayer pursuant to Subsection E of Section 7-1-29 NMSA 1978;
- (6) the credit or refund results from overpayments the department finds pursuant to Subsection F of Section 7-1-29 NMSA 1978 that exceed the refund claimed by the taxpayer on the return; or
- (7) the refund results from a tax credit pursuant to the <u>Investment Credit Act</u>, <u>Laboratory Partnership</u> with Small Business Tax Credit Act, Technology Jobs and Research and Development Tax Credit Act, Film Production Tax Credit Act, Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act or a rural job tax credit or high-wage jobs tax credit.

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Ε. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the payment of interest upon interest."

SECTION 30. Section 7-1-76 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 248, Section 76, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-76. REVEALING INFORMATION CONCERNING TAXPAYERS.--A person who reveals to another person any return or return information that is prohibited from being revealed pursuant to Section 7-1-8 NMSA 1978 or who uses a return or return information for any purpose that is not authorized by Sections 7-1-8 through [7-1-8.10] 7-1-8.11 NMSA 1978 is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned up to one year, or both, together with costs of prosecution, and shall not be employed by the state for a period of five years after the date of the conviction."

SECTION 31. REPEAL.--Laws 2009, Chapter 241, Section 1 and Laws 2009, Chapter 242, Section 2 are repealed.

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