

1 SENATE BILL 52

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE
12 EMERGENCY FUNDING TO RURAL AND FRONTIER HOSPITALS WITH FEWER
13 THAN THIRTY-FIVE BEDS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty-one million dollars
17 (\$51,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 and
19 2025 to provide emergency funding to rural and frontier
20 hospitals with fewer than thirty-five beds. Any unexpended or
21 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025
22 shall revert to the general fund.

23 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
24 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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