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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROMOTION, MARKETING ASSISTANCE AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS STATEWIDE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

APPROPRI ATI ON- - REPORTS. - -Section 1.

Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the economic development department for expenditure in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for the purpose of promoting local farmers' markets throughout the state and to disseminate educational, nutritional and food-safety information to local farmers' markets. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1997 shall revert to the general fund.

In providing marketing, promotional and farm-

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direct marketing assistance to local farmers' markets, the economic development department shall require an annual report from each farmers' market organization. The report shall demonstrate the extent to which the market provides information to nutritionally at-risk families and how the market's efforts have increased consumer awareness of farmers' markets and farm-direct marketing possibilities.

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

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JANUARY 26, 1996

Mr. President:

Your **COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be **GERMANE**, PURSUANT TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the **FINANCE**COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MANNY M ARAGON, Chairman

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