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55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM LEGISLATIVE CASH BALANCES FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR NECESSARY EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENSES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF CANNABIS-RELATED LEGISLATION.

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

SECTION 1. SPECIAL SESSION--APPROPRIATION.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from legislative cash balances for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the following expenses of the first special session of the fifty-fifth legislature:

(1) for the expense of the house of representatives, ninety-five thousand seven hundred dollars

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1 (\$95,700) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and
2 the chief clerk of the house of representatives or the chief
3 clerk's designee;

4 (2) for the expense of the senate, eighty-
5 seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$87,100) to be disbursed on
6 vouchers signed by the chair of the committees' committee and
7 the chief clerk of the senate or the chief clerk's designee;
8 and

9 (3) for the expense of the legislative council
10 service, sixty thousand six hundred dollars (\$60,600) to be
11 disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative
12 council service or the director's designee.

13 B. Following adjournment of the first special
14 session of the fifty-fifth legislature, expenditures authorized
15 in this section shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
16 director of the legislative council service or the director's
17 designee.

18 SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCH CANNABIS-RELATED
19 LEGISLATION--APPROPRIATIONS.--

20 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
21 general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2021 and 2022
22 contingent on the enactment of legislation passed during the
23 first special session of the fifty-fifth legislature to enact
24 the Cannabis Regulation Act:

25 (1) one million seven hundred thousand dollars
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1 (\$1,700,000) to the regulation and licensing department to
2 administer the Cannabis Regulation Act; and

3 (2) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$750,000) to the department of public safety for drug
5 recognition expert field certification for law enforcement
6 officers in the state and to develop or purchase roadside
7 impairment tests that are validated for testing cannabis
8 impairment.

9 B. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) is
10 appropriated from the general fund to the taxation and revenue
11 department for expenditure in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 to
12 implement the Cannabis Tax Act. The appropriation provided
13 pursuant to this subsection is contingent on enactment of
14 legislation passed during the first special session of the
15 fifty-fifth legislature to enact the Cannabis Tax Act.

16 C. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is
17 appropriated from the general fund to the administrative office
18 of the courts for expenditure in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 to
19 address expungement of arrest and conviction records for
20 certain cannabis-related offenses. The appropriation provided
21 pursuant to this subsection is contingent on enactment of
22 legislation passed during the first special session of the
23 fifty-fifth legislature to provide for expungement of arrest
24 and conviction records for certain cannabis-related offenses.

25 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

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1 at the end of fiscal year 2022 from an appropriation made
2 pursuant to this section shall revert to the general fund.

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