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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 1996

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL HOSPITAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX IN ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 176, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-20C-2. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act:

"county" means: A.

(1) a class B county having a population of less than twenty-five thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census and having a net taxable value for rate-setting purposes for the 1990 property tax year or any

subsequent year of more than two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000);

- (2) a class B county having a population of less than forty-seven thousand but more than forty-four thousand according to the 1990 federal decennial census and having a net taxable value for rate-setting purposes for the 1992 property tax year of more than three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) but less than six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000); [or]
- (3) a class B county [in New Mexico] having a population of less than ten thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census and having a net taxable value for rate-setting purposes for the 1990 property tax year or any subsequent year of more than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000);
- (4) a class B county having a population of less than twenty-five thousand according to the 1990 federal decennial census and having a net taxable value for rate-setting purposes for the 1993 property tax year of more than ninety-one million dollars (\$91,000,000) but less than one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000); or
- (5) a class B county having a population of more than seventeen thousand but less than twenty thousand according to the 1990 federal decennial census and having a net taxable value for rate-setting purposes for the 1993 property

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tax year of more than one hundred fifty-three million dollars (\$153,000,000) but less than one hundred fifty-six million dollars (\$156,000,000);

- B. "department" means the taxation and revenue department, the secretary of taxation and revenue or any employee of the department exercising authority lawfully delegated to that employee by the secretary;
- C. "governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county;
- D. "local hospital gross receipts tax" means the tax authorized to be imposed under the Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act:
- E. "person" means an individual or any other legal entity; and
- F. "state gross receipts tax" means the gross receipts tax imposed under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act."
- Section 2. Section 7-20C-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 176, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:
- "7-20C-3. LOCAL HOSPITAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX--AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE--ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS.--
- A. [The] \underline{A} majority of the members elected to the governing body of a county may enact an ordinance imposing an excise tax on any person engaging in business in the county for the privilege of engaging in business. This tax is to be

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referred to as the "local hospital gross receipts tax". The rate of the tax shall be:

one-half of one percent of the gross (1) receipts of the person engaging in business if the tax is initially imposed before January 1, 1993; [The rate of the tax shall be

(2) one-eighth of one percent of the gross receipts of the person engaging in business if the tax is initially imposed after January 1, 1993; and

(3) a rate not to exceed one-half of one percent of the gross receipts of the person engaging in business if the tax is imposed after July 1, 1996 in a county described in Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978; provided, the tax may be imposed in any number of increments of one-eighth percent not to exceed an aggregate rate of one-half of one percent of gross receipts.

The local hospital gross receipts tax imposed initially before January 1, 1993 shall be imposed only once for the period necessary for payment of the principal and interest on revenue bonds issued to accomplish the purpose for which the revenue is dedicated, but the period shall not exceed ten years from the effective date of the ordinance imposing the tax. The local hospital gross receipts tax imposed after July 1, 1996 in a county described in Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978 shall be imposed only once for the period

necessary for payment of the principal and interest on revenue bonds issued to accomplish the purpose for which the revenue is dedicated, but the period shall not exceed twenty years from the effective date of the ordinance imposing the tax.

- C. No local hospital gross receipts tax authorized in Subsection A of this section shall be imposed initially after January 1, 1993 unless:
- (1) in a county described in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978, the voters of the county have approved the issuance of general obligation bonds of the county sufficient to pay at least one-half of the costs of the county hospital facility or county twenty-four hour urgent care or emergency facility for which the local hospital gross receipts tax revenues are dedicated, including the costs of all acquisition, renovation and equipping of the facility; or
- (2) in a county described in Paragraph (3) or (5) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978, the county will not have in effect at the same time a county hospital emergency gross receipts tax and the voters of the county have approved the imposition of a property tax at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) on each one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value of property in the county for the purpose of operation and maintenance of a hospital owned by the county and operated and maintained either by the county or by another party pursuant to a lease with the county.

D. The governing body of a county enacting an ordinance imposing a local hospital gross receipts tax shall dedicate the revenue from the tax as provided in this subsection. In any election held, the ballot shall clearly state the purpose to which the revenue will be dedicated and the revenue shall be used by the county for that purpose. The revenues shall be dedicated as follows:

[D.] (1) prior to January 1, 1993, the governing body, at the time of enacting an ordinance imposing the rate of the tax authorized in Subsection A of this section, shall dedicate the revenue for acquisition of land for and the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a county hospital facility to be operated by the county or operated and maintained by another party pursuant to a lease with the county;

(2) if the governing body of a county described in Paragraph (2), (3) or (5) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2

NMSA 1978 is enacting the ordinance imposing the tax after July 1, 1993, the governing body shall dedicate the revenue for acquisition, renovation and equipping of a building for a county hospital facility or a county twenty-four hour urgent care or emergency facility or for operation and maintenance of that facility, whether operated and maintained by the county or by another party pursuant to a lease or management contract with the county, for the period of time the tax is imposed not to exceed ten years; [In any election held, the ballot shall

clearly state the purpose to which the revenue will be dedicated and the revenue shall be used by the county for that purpose] and

(3) if the governing body of a county described in Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978 is enacting the ordinance imposing the tax after July 1, 1995, the governing body shall dedicate the revenue for acquisition of land or buildings for and the renovation, design, construction, equipping or furnishing of a county hospital facility to be operated by the county or operated and maintained by another party pursuant to a lease or management contract with the county.

E. The ordinance shall not go into effect until after an election is held and a simple majority of the qualified electors of the county voting in the election votes in favor of imposing the local hospital gross receipts tax and, in the case of a county described in Paragraph (3) or (5) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978, also votes in favor of a property tax at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value of property in the county. The governing body shall adopt a resolution calling for an election within seventy-five days of the date the ordinance is adopted on the question of imposing the tax. The question may be submitted to the qualified electors and voted upon as a separate question in a general election or in any special election called for that

purpose by the governing body. A special election upon the question shall be called, held, conducted and canvassed in substantially the same manner as provided by law for general elections. If the question of imposing a local hospital gross receipts tax fails or if the question of imposing both a local hospital gross receipts tax and a property tax fails, the governing body shall not again propose a local hospital gross receipts tax for a period of one year after the election. A certified copy of any ordinance imposing a local hospital gross receipts tax shall be mailed to the department within five days after the ordinance is adopted in any election called for that purpose.

- F. Any ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of this section shall include an effective date of either July 1 or January 1, whichever date occurs first after the expiration of at least three months from the date the ordinance is approved by the electorate.
- G. Any ordinance repealed under the provisions of the Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act shall be repealed effective on either July 1 or January 1.
- H. As used in this section, "taxable value of property" means the sum of:
- (1) the net taxable value, as that term is defined in the Property Tax Code, of property subject to taxation under the Property Tax Code;

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- (3) the assessed value of equipment, as those terms are defined in the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act; and
- (4) the taxable value of copper mineral property, as those terms are defined in the Copper Production Ad Valorem Tax Act, subject to taxation under the Copper Production Ad Valorem Tax Act."

Section 3. Section 7-20C-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 176, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-20C-9. LOCAL HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS--AUTHORITY TO ISSUE--PLEDGE OF REVENUES. --

A. A county, other than a county described in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of Section 7-20C-2 NMSA 1978, may issue local hospital revenue bonds pursuant to the Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act for the purpose of acquiring land for and designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a county hospital facility to be operated by the county or by another party pursuant to a lease or management contract with the county.

B. The county issuing the local hospital revenue bonds pursuant to the Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act shall pledge irrevocably all of the net receipts derived from

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the imposition of the local hospital gross receipts tax and may pledge irrevocably any combination of hospital facility revenues and any other revenues as necessary for the payment of principal and interest on the revenue bonds."

Section 4. Section 7-20C-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 176, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-20C-11. REVENUE BONDS--TERMS.--Local hospital revenue bonds:

- A. may have interest, appreciated principal value or any part thereof payable at intervals or at maturity as may be determined by the governing body in the ordinance;
- B. may be subject to a prior redemption at the option of the county at such [time or] times and upon such terms and conditions, with or without the payment of such [premium or] premiums, as may be provided by the ordinance authorizing the bonds:
- C. may mature at any time not exceeding [ten] twenty years after the date of issuance;
- D. may be serial in form and maturity or may consist of one bond payable at one time or in installments or may be in any other form as may be provided in the ordinance authorizing the bonds;
- E. shall be sold for cash at, above or below par and at a price that results in a net effective interest rate that does not exceed the maximum permitted by the Public Securities

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1996

March 20, 1996

Mr. President:

Your WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 4

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**.

Respectfully submitted,

Tito D. Chavez, Chairman

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1996

March 21, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your **TAXATION AND REVENUE COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 4

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

 $Respectfully \ \ submitted,$

Jerry W Sandel, Chairman

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