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SENATE BILL 31

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FOR A PROGRAM FOR NURSING
EXCELLENCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred fifty thousand
dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the tobacco settlement
program fund to the board of nursing for expenditure in fiscal
years 2002 and 2003 for a program for nursing excellence,
which shall include strategies for enhanced recruitment and
retention of professional nurses, career ladder education
opportunities and improved interaction with health facilities
administrations, the medical profession and institutions of
higher education. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the
general fund.**

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

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