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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AMENDING THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH SANTA CLARA PUEBLO; AMENDING THE GROSS RECEIPTS AND COMPENSATING TAX ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT.

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

A new section of the Taxation and Revenue Section 1. Department Act, Section 9-11-12.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"9-11-12.1. [NEW MATERIAL] COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH SANTA CLARA PUEBLO. --

The secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with Santa Clara pueblo for the exchange of information and the reciprocal, joint or common enforcement, administration, collection, remittance and audit of gross receipts tax revenues of the party jurisdictions.

- B. Funds collected by the department on behalf of Santa Clara pueblo in accordance with an agreement entered into pursuant to this section are not funds of this state and shall be collected and disbursed in accordance with the terms of the agreement, notwithstanding any other provision of law.
- C. The secretary is empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations and to establish such procedures as the secretary deems appropriate for the collection and disbursement of funds due Santa Clara pueblo and for the receipt of funds collected by Santa Clara pueblo for the account of this state under the terms of a cooperative agreement entered into under the authority of this section, including procedures for identification of taxpayers or transactions that are subject only to the taxing authority of the pueblo, taxpayers or transactions that are subject only to the taxing authority of this state, and taxpayers or transactions that are subject to the taxing authority of both party jurisdictions.
- D. Nothing in an agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be construed as authorizing this state or Santa Clara pueblo to tax persons or transactions that federal law prohibits that government from taxing, or as authorizing a state or pueblo court to assert jurisdiction over persons who are not otherwise subject to that court's jurisdiction. Nothing in an agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be construed as an assertion or an admission by either this state

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or Santa Clara pueblo that the taxes of one have precedence over the taxes of the other when the person or transaction is subject to the taxing authority of both governments. An agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be construed solely as an agreement between the two party governments and shall not alter or affect the government-to-government relations between this state and any other Indian nation, tribe or pueblo."

Section 2. A new section of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CREDIT--GROSS RECEIPTS TAX--TAX PAID TO SANTA CLARA PUEBLO. --

A. If on a taxable transaction taking place within the exterior boundaries of Santa Clara pueblo a qualifying gross receipts sales or similar tax has been levied by the pueblo, the amount of the pueblo tax may be credited against any gross receipts tax due this state under Section 7-9-4 NMSA 1978 on the same transaction. The amount of the credit shall be equal to one-half of the rate of tax imposed under Section 7-9-4 NMSA 1978.

- B. A qualifying gross receipts sales or similar tax levied by the pueblo shall be limited to a tax that:
- (1) is substantially similar to the gross receipts tax imposed by the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act:
 - (2) does not unlawfully discriminate among

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persons or transactions based on membership in the pueblo;

- is levied at a rate not greater than the total gross receipts tax rate imposed by this state and its political subdivisions located with the exterior boundaries of Santa Clara pueblo;
- provides the following credits against the tribal tax due for state gross receipts taxes due from the same person or on the same transaction:
- (a) a credit equal to the full amount of all applicable local option gross receipts taxes imposed under New Mexico law by political subdivisions of this state located within the exterior boundaries of Santa Clara pueblo; and
- a credit equal to one-half of the (b) rate of tax imposed under Section 7-9-4 NMSA 1978; and
- is subject to a cooperative agreement between the pueblo and the secretary entered into pursuant to Section 9-11-12.1 NMSA 1978 and in effect at the time of the taxable transaction."

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