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HOUSE BILL 755

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE; DISTRIBUTING A PORTION OF THE MONEY IN THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FUND TO THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 6-4-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999, Chapter 207, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-4-10. TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FUND CREATED-- PURPOSE. --

A. The "tobacco settlement program fund" is created in the state treasury and shall consist of distributions made to the fund from the tobacco settlement permanent fund. Income from investment of the tobacco settlement program fund shall be credited to the fund.

Beginning in fiscal year 2002, ten percent of the money

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1 distributed each fiscal year to the fund from the tobacco  
2 settlement permanent fund shall be transferred to the retiree  
3 health care fund and is appropriated for expenditure by the  
4 retiree health care authority for the purposes of the Retiree  
5 Health Care Act. The remaining money in the tobacco  
6 settlement program fund may be appropriated by the legislature  
7 for any of the purposes specified in Subsection B of this  
8 section and after receiving the recommendations of the tobacco  
9 settlement revenue oversight committee. Balances in the  
10 tobacco settlement program fund at the end of any fiscal year  
11 shall remain in the fund.

12 B. Money may be appropriated from the tobacco  
13 settlement program fund for health and educational purposes,  
14 including:

15 (1) support of additional public school  
16 programs, including extracurricular and after-school programs  
17 designed to involve students in athletic, academic, musical,  
18 cultural, civic, mentoring and similar types of activities;

19 (2) any health or health care program or  
20 service for prevention or treatment of disease or illness;

21 (3) basic and applied research conducted by  
22 higher educational institutions or state agencies addressing  
23 the impact of smoking or other behavior on health and disease;

24 (4) public health programs and needs; and

25 (5) tobacco use cessation and prevention

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1 programs, including statewide public information, education  
2 and media campaigns. "

3 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the  
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.

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