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SENATE BILL 414

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
ADMINISTRATION FOR A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF RECENT COURT  
DECISIONS ON THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY PROVISIONS UNDER THE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT AND THE NEW MEXICO OCCUPATIONAL  
DISEASE DISABLEMENT LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand  
dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the workers'  
compensation administration fund to the workers' compensation  
administration for expenditure in fiscal years 2002 through  
2004 to contract for a study of the effect of recent court  
decisions on the exclusive remedy provisions of the Workers'  
Compensation Act and the effects of the events of September 11  
on the workers' compensation system or other issues relating  
to that act, and to provide technical or legal assistance to

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1 the advisory council on workers' compensation and occupational  
2 disease disablement. The director of the workers'  
3 compensation administration may contract with one or more  
4 independent organizations to conduct the study and seek  
5 comparisons of litigation by employees against employers  
6 outside of the workers' compensation system and the cost of  
7 such litigation and to provide technical or legal assistance  
8 in making recommendations to the governor and the advisory  
9 council on workers' compensation and occupational disease  
10 disablement. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
11 at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the workers'  
12 compensation administration fund.

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

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