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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

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

Section 7-20E-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Section 1. Chapter 212, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-20E-18. COUNTY HEALTH CARE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX--AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE RATE. --

The majority of the members of the governing body of any county may enact an ordinance imposing an excise tax at a rate of one-sixteenth [of one] percent of the gross receipts of any person engaging in business in the county for the privilege of engaging in business in the county. Any ordinance imposing an excise tax pursuant to this section shall not be subject to a referendum. The governing body of a county

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shall, at the time of enacting an ordinance imposing the tax, dedicate the revenue to the county-supported medicaid fund. $[\frac{B_{\bullet}}{I}]$ This tax is to be referred to as the "county health care gross receipts tax".

B. In addition to the imposition of the county health care gross receipts tax authorized by Subsection A of this section, the majority of the members of the governing body of a county having a population of more than five hundred thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census may enact an ordinance imposing an additional onesixteenth percent increment of county health care gross receipts tax. The governing body of the county shall, at the time of enacting an ordinance imposing the additional increment of county health care gross receipts tax, dedicate the revenue to the support of indigent patients.

Any ordinance enacted [under] pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A or B of this section shall include an effective date of either July 1 or January 1 in accordance with the provisions of the County Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes Act."

EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the Section 2. provisions of this act is July 1, 2006.

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