SENATE BILL 598

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; CREATING THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT
FUND; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS;
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Section 1.  A new section of the Noxious Weed Management
Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT FUND--PURPOSE--
APPROPRIATIONS.--The "noxious weed management fund" is created
in the New Mexico department of agriculture.  The fund shall
consist of gifts, donations, grants and money appropriated by
the legislature for the purpose of funding noxious weed
management projects.  All interest derived from investment of
money in the fund shall be credited to the fund.  The
department shall administer the fund, and money in the fund

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1    shall be disbursed on warrants signed by the secretary of

2    finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the

3    director.  The director may declare a noxious weed emergency if

4    a new and potentially harmful noxious weed is discovered

5    growing in the state and its presence is verified by the

6    department.  The director is authorized to allocate up to fifty

7    thousand dollars ($50,000) of the principal in the noxious weed

8    management fund for emergency response to manage or confine the

9    new noxious weed species.  Otherwise, money in the fund is

10   appropriated to the department to:

11           A.   make grants or contracts to noxious weed control

12   districts, cooperative weed management areas or other entities

13   appropriate for noxious weed management projects to eradicate

14   or contain noxious weeds;

15           B.   conduct noxious weed management research,

16   evaluation and education; and

17           C.   develop, implement or demonstrate innovative

18   noxious weed management methods."

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