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HOUSE BILL 177

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING A PROGRAM TO
ENCOURAGE SOLO-WORKER JOB CREATION AND INCREASE THE COMMERCIAL
REVENUE DERIVING FROM OUT-OF-STATE SOURCES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SOLO-WORKER PROGRAM.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "economic-base job" means a job in which
sixty percent or more of the revenue generated from the goods
or services produced derives from outside the state;

(2) "program agency" means a certified
business incubator, a community college or an organization
whose purpose is to create jobs and promote economic
development; and

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1 (3) "solo worker" means a person who is
2 engaged in full-time employment and whose employer, if any,
3 does not supply the office space or amenities used to perform
4 the person's work.

5 B. The "solo-worker program" is created in the
6 economic development department. The purpose of the solo-
7 worker program is to improve the state's rural and urban
8 economies by creating and sustaining economic-base jobs and
9 expanding businesses owned and operated by solo workers engaged
10 in economic-base jobs.

11 C. To carry out the purpose of the solo-worker
12 program, the department shall provide matching funding to
13 program agencies for advancing initiatives that:

14 (1) create opportunities for residents to
15 become solo workers engaged in economic-base jobs;

16 (2) support the continued employment and
17 business expansion of existing solo workers engaged in
18 economic-base jobs;

19 (3) recruit from outside of the state solo
20 workers engaged in economic-base jobs; and

21 (4) make the state and its local communities
22 more competitive for creating, attracting and retaining solo-
23 worker jobs.

24 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars
25 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the

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1 economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year
2 2017 to implement the provisions of the solo-worker program
3 created in Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or
4 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017
5 shall revert to the general fund.

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