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SENATE BILL

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE  
PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KN95 MASKS OR EQUIVALENTLY  
EFFECTIVE MASKS AND FOR A ROBUST STATEWIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AND PROPER USAGE OF MASKS;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.**--Ten million dollars  
(\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2022  
through 2024 for the purchase and distribution of KN95 masks or  
equivalently effective masks that reduce transmission of  
coronavirus disease 2019 and for a robust statewide public  
education campaign about the importance and proper usage of  
masks. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the

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1 end of fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the general fund.

2 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
3 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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