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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS TO ACQUIRE ECOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATURAL LANDS PROTECTION ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--PURPOSE FOR WHICH ISSUED--Section 1. APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS. -- The state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act in an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) when the energy, minerals and natural resources department certifies the need for the issuance of the bonds. The state board of finance shall schedule the issuance and sale of the bonds in the most expeditious and economical manner possible upon a finding by the board that the project has

been developed sufficiently to justify the issuance and that the project can proceed to contract within a reasonable time. The state board of finance shall further take the appropriate steps necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the energy, minerals and natural resources department for the purpose of acquiring ecologically significant land under the provisions of the Natural Lands Protection Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund. If the energy, minerals and natural resources department has not certified the need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of fiscal year 1998, the authorization provided in this section shall be void.

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

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