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SENATE BILL 129

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY
PATRICK H. LYONS

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE
INDIGENT HOSPITAL AND COUNTY HEALTH CARE ACT TO DELAY FOR TWO
YEARS TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY-SUPPORTED MEDICAID FUND THAT AMOUNT
OF THE BALANCE IN THE COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL CLAIMS FUND THAT
EXCEEDS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000).

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

Section 1. Section 27-5-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
Chapter 234, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-5-7. COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL CLAIMS FUND. --

A. There is created in the county treasury of each
county a "county indigent hospital claims fund".

B. Collections under the levy made pursuant to the
Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act and all payments
shall be placed into the fund, and the amount placed in the fund

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1 shall be budgeted and expended only for the purposes specified
2 in the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act, by warrant
3 upon vouchers approved by a majority of the board and signed by
4 the chairman of the board. Payments for indigent
5 hospitalizations shall not be made from any other county fund.

6 C. The fund shall be audited in the manner that
7 other state and county funds are audited, and all records of
8 payments and verified statements of qualification upon which
9 payments were made from the fund shall be open to the public.

10 D. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of
11 the fiscal year pursuant to [~~Subsections F and G~~] Subsection F
12 of this section shall carry over into the ensuing year, and that
13 balance shall be taken into consideration in the determination
14 of the ensuing year's budget and certification of need for
15 purposes of making a tax levy.

16 E. Money may be transferred to the fund from other
17 sources, but no transfers may be made from the fund for any
18 purpose other than those specified in the Indigent Hospital and
19 County Health Care Act.

20 F. On June 30 of each fiscal year, beginning in
21 [~~1996~~] 1998, the board shall [~~transfer~~] transfer to the county-
22 supported medicaid fund that amount of the balance in the county
23 indigent hospital claims fund that exceeds two hundred thousand
24 dollars (\$200,000) or that exceeds the amount equal to thirty
25 percent of the income to the fund during that fiscal year,

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7 Mr. Presi dent:
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13 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE,
14 PURSUANT TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the WAYS
15 AND MEANS COMMI TTEE.
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5 January 31, 1996
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your WAYS AND MEANS COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that
14 it DO PASS, and thence referred to the CONSERVATION COMMI TTEE.
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Jennings, Weiner

Absent: None

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that
14 it DO PASS.
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Duran, Ingle, Kidd, Kysar, Sanchez

Absent: None

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