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FOR THE REVENUE STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC MONEY; EXTENDING THE TIME FOR DEPOSIT OF CERTAIN RECEIPTS OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 6-10-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1923, Chapter 76, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-10-3. PAYMENT OF STATE MONEY INTO TREASURY--SUSPENSE FUNDS. -- [Thirty days from the taking effect of Chapter 6,

Article 10 NMSA 1978]

A. All public money in the custody or under the control of any state official or agency obtained or received by any official or agency from any source, except as provided in Section 6-10-54 NMSA 1978 [provided], shall be paid into the state treasury. It is the duty of every official or

person in charge of any state agency receiving any money in cash or by check, draft or otherwise for or on behalf of the state or any agency thereof from any source, except as provided otherwise in this section or in Section 6-10-54 NMSA 1978, [provided, to forthwith and] to deliver or remit it to the state treasurer before the close of the next succeeding business day after the receipt of the money. [to deliver or remit it to the state treasurer. Provided, however, that]

B. The following are exceptions to the provisions of Subsection A of this section:

(1) the money collected by the state [park and recreation] parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department shall be deposited into the state treasury no later than ten days following collection;

[Provided that]

(2) county treasurers shall remit all money received for taxes for state purposes or which are by law required to be remitted to the state treasurer on or before the tenth day of the next succeeding month following the receipt or collection thereof; [Provided further that]

(3) every official or person in charge of any state agency receiving any money, except as <u>provided</u> in Section 6-10-54 NMSA 1978 [provided], in cash or by check, draft or otherwise, on deposit, in escrow or in evidence of good faith to secure the performance of any contract or

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agreement with the state or with any department, institution or agency of the state, which money has not yet been earned so as to become the absolute property of the state, shall deliver or remit to the state treasurer within the times and in the manner provided in this section [provided], which money shall be by the state treasurer deposited in a suspense account to the credit of the proper official, person, board or bureau in charge of any state agency so receiving the money; provided, however, that all money held by the commissioner of public lands on deposit, in escrow or in evidence of good faith to secure the performance of any contract or agreement with the state shall be delivered or remitted to the state treasurer within six months from the date this act is approved and at those times, in the amounts and from the various banks in which it is deposited as may be directed by the state board of finance: and

(4) money received by the taxation and revenue department at any of its offices other than offices located in Santa Fe county or in Bernalillo county shall be deposited into the state treasury no later than five days following receipt."

Section 2. Section 7-1-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 55, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-1-6. RECEIPTS--DISBURSEMENTS--FUNDS CREATED. --

A. All money received by the department with

respect to laws administered under the provisions of the Tax

Administration Act shall be deposited with the state treasurer

before the close of the next succeeding business day after

receipt of the money, except that:

(1) for 1989 and every subsequent year, money received with respect to the Income Tax Act during the period starting with the fifth day prior to the due date for payment of income tax for the year and ending on the tenth day following that due date shall be deposited before the close of the tenth business day after receipt of the money; and

of its offices other than offices located in Santa Fe county or in Bernalillo county shall be deposited with the state treasurer before the close of the fifth business day after receipt of the money.

- B. Money received or disbursed by the department shall be accounted for by the department as required by law or regulation of the secretary of finance and administration.
- C. Disbursements for tax credits, tax rebates, refunds, the payment of interest, the payment of fees charged by attorneys or collection agencies for collection of accounts as agent for the department, the payment of credit card service charges on payments of taxes by use of credit cards, distributions and transfers shall be made by the department of finance and administration upon request and certification of

their appropriateness by the secretary or the secretary's delegate. There are hereby created in the state treasury the "tax administration suspense fund", the "extraction taxes suspense fund" and the "workers' compensation collections suspense fund" for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized by the Tax Administration Act.

- D. All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the provisions of the taxes and tax acts administered under Subsection A of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978 shall be credited to the tax administration suspense fund and are appropriated for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized under this section or otherwise authorized or required by law to be made from the tax administration suspense fund.
- E. All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the taxes or tax acts administered under Subsection B of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978, other than amounts required to be credited to the oil and gas protested payments suspense fund, shall be credited to the extraction taxes suspense fund and are appropriated for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized under this section or otherwise authorized or required by law to be made from the extraction taxes suspense fund.
- F. All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the taxes or tax acts administered 120803.3

under Subsection C of Section 7-1-2 NMSA 1978 may be credited to the tax administration suspense fund, unless otherwise directed by law to be credited to another fund or agency, and are appropriated for the purpose of making disbursements authorized under this section or otherwise authorized or required by law.

- G. All revenues collected or received by the department pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-5-19 NMSA 1978 shall be credited to the workers' compensation collections suspense fund and are appropriated for the purpose of making the disbursements authorized under this section or otherwise authorized or required by law to be made from the workers' compensation collections suspense fund.
- H. Disbursements to cover expenditures of the department shall be made only upon approval of the secretary or the secretary's delegate.
- I. Miscellaneous receipts from charges made by the department to defray expenses pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-1-5 NMSA 1978 and similar charges are appropriated to the department for its use.
- J. From the tax administration suspense fund, there may be disbursed each month amounts approved by the secretary or the secretary's delegate necessary to maintain a fund hereby created and to be known as the "income tax suspense fund". The income tax suspense fund shall be used . 120803.3

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for the payment of income tax refunds."

Section 3. Section 66-6-22.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 120, Section 34) is amended to read:

"66-6-22.1. MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSE FUND CREATED--RECEIPTS -- DISBURSEMENTS. --

- There is created in the state treasury a fund A. to be known as the "motor vehicle suspense fund".
- В. The fees collected under the provisions of Sections 66-1-1 through 66-6-18 NMSA 1978 shall be paid to the state treasurer for the credit of the motor vehicle suspense fund not later than the close of the [second] next business day after their receipt with respect to fees collected at department offices in Santa Fe county and in Bernalillo county and no later than the close of the fifth business day following their receipt at department offices in all other counties.
- Money deposited to the credit of or disbursed C. from the motor vehicle suspense fund shall be accounted for as provided by law or regulation of the secretary of finance and Disbursements from the motor vehicle suspense admi ni strati on. fund shall be made by the department of finance and administration upon request and certification of their appropriateness by the secretary of finance and administration or the secretary's delegate.
- D. The balance of the motor vehicle suspense fund . 120803.3

is appropriated for the purpose of making refunds, distributions and other disbursements authorized or required by law to be made from the motor vehicle suspense fund, provided that no distribution shall be made to a municipality, county or fee agent operating a motor vehicle field office with respect to money collected and remitted to the department by that municipality, county or fee agent until the report of the municipality, county or fee agent is audited and accepted by the department." Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the

provisions of this act is July 1, 1998.

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