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AN ACT

RELATING TO RELOCATION PAYMENTS; INCREASING THE AMOUNTS  
AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT TO A PERSON OR BUSINESS DISPLACED BY  
AN AGENCY PROGRAM OR PROJECT; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA  
1978; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42-3-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1972,  
Chapter 41, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"42-3-5. RELOCATION PAYMENTS.--

A. Whenever a program or project undertaken by an  
agency will result in the displacement of a person, the  
displacing agency shall provide for payment to the displaced  
person for:

(1) actual reasonable expenses in moving the  
person or the person's family, business, farm operation or  
other personal property;

(2) actual direct losses of tangible  
personal property as a result of moving or discontinuing a  
business or farm operation, but not to exceed an amount equal  
to the reasonable expenses that would have been required to  
relocate the property, as determined by the displacing  
agency;

(3) actual reasonable expenses in searching  
for a replacement business or farm, supported by  
documentation that the displacing agency by regulation may  
require; and