

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AMENDING A SECTION
OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACT CONCERNING THE
APPOINTMENT OF EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 9-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 252, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-8-9. DIRECTORS. -- The secretary shall appoint with the approval of the governor "directors" of divisions established within the department and a director of communications. The positions so appointed are exempt from the Personnel Act."

Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION. -- Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this act, on the effective date of this act the director of the medical assistance division of the human services department shall continue to be covered under the Personnel Act until a vacancy occurs in that position.

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