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**HOUSE BILL 763**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO MUSEUMS; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE SPACE CENTER  
DIVISION TO THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF SPACE HISTORY DIVISION.**

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

**Section 1. Section 9-6-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1980,  
Chapter 151, Section 54, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"9-6-9. CREATION OF OFFICE. --The "office of cultural  
affairs" is created. The office shall consist of such  
divisions as are created by law or executive order, including  
but not limited to:**

- A. the administrative services division;**
- B. the arts division;**
- C. the library division;**
- D. the museum division;**
- E. the [~~space center~~] New Mexico museum of space**

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1 history division;

2 F. the New Mexico farm and ranch heritage museum  
3 division;

4 G. the historic preservation division;

5 H. the natural history and science museum  
6 division; and

7 I. the Hispanic cultural division. "

8 Section 2. Section 18-7-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
9 Chapter 72, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "18-7-1. [~~SPACE CENTER~~] NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF SPACE  
11 HISTORY DIVISION--CREATION. --There is created within the  
12 office of cultural affairs the "[~~space center~~] New Mexico  
13 museum of space history division". "

14 Section 3. Section 18-7-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
15 Chapter 72, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

16 "18-7-2. [~~SPACE CENTER~~] NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF SPACE  
17 HISTORY COMMISSION. --There is created the "[~~space center~~] New  
18 Mexico museum of space history commission" consisting of  
19 eleven members appointed by the governor. Four members of the  
20 commission shall be appointed at large and one member shall be  
21 appointed from each of the planning and development districts.  
22 Three members shall be appointed to the commission for a term  
23 ending December 31, 1974, four members shall be appointed to  
24 the commission for a term ending December 31, 1975 and four  
25 members shall be appointed to the commission for a term ending

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1 December 31, 1976. Thereafter, members of the commission  
2 shall be appointed for terms of three years or less in such  
3 manner that the staggered expiration date is maintained.  
4 Necessary officers shall be elected by the commission. The  
5 commission members shall be reimbursed for their necessary and  
6 actual mileage and per diem expenses as provided in the Per  
7 Diem and Mileage Act. "

8 Section 4. Section 18-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
9 Chapter 72, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "18-7-3. COMMISSION--DIRECTOR--POWERS--DUTIES.--The  
11 [~~space center~~] New Mexico museum of space history commission  
12 of the office of cultural affairs shall construct, maintain  
13 and operate the [~~space center~~] New Mexico museum of space  
14 history for the benefit of the people of New Mexico, the  
15 nation and the world as an educational project interpreting  
16 man's conquest of space. The commission shall establish  
17 policy for the general operation of the [~~space center~~] New  
18 Mexico museum of space history division. The director of that  
19 division, under the supervision of the commission, shall:

20 A. collect and preserve objects relating to the  
21 history of rocketry, space flight, astronomy and related  
22 fields;

23 B. conduct research programs necessary to document  
24 the historical, scientific and technological advances of  
25 rocketry, space flight, astronomy and related fields;

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1 C. disseminate the results of division research  
2 efforts through exhibits, public programs, publications and  
3 other methods deemed appropriate by the commission;

4 D. establish educational programs relating to  
5 space;

6 E. purchase supplies and necessary equipment and  
7 tools;

8 F. accept for the [~~space-center~~] New Mexico museum  
9 of space history any federal matching funds or grants  
10 available for this project and related programs;

11 G. accept donations and bequests from individuals  
12 and entities for the [~~space-center~~] New Mexico museum of space  
13 history and related programs;

14 H. acquire real and personal property in the name  
15 of the state for the [~~space-center~~] New Mexico museum of space  
16 history;

17 I. employ and discharge personnel necessary for  
18 the operation of the [~~space-center~~] New Mexico museum of space  
19 history;

20 J. prepare budgets for operation and capital  
21 improvements;

22 K. assume other duties and responsibilities as  
23 deemed necessary by the [~~space-center~~] New Mexico museum of  
24 space history commission;

25 L. assume responsibility for new and related

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1 facilities as required; and

2 M subject to the provisions of Section 18-7-3.1  
3 NMSA 1978, impose admission fees to the museum facilities and  
4 programs. "

5 Section 5. Section 18-7-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
6 Chapter 72, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

7 "18-7-4. DIRECTOR--EMPLOYMENT.--The director of the  
8 [~~space center~~] New Mexico museum of space history division  
9 shall be hired by the [~~space center~~] New Mexico museum of  
10 space history commission, subject to approval by the state  
11 cultural affairs officer and with the consent of the secretary  
12 of finance and administration. The director of the division  
13 may be discharged from employment by the commission for  
14 failure to perform his duties or follow the policies set forth  
15 by the commission. "