

1 SENATE BILL 145

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,**
3 **2000**

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11 AN ACT

12 RELATING TO THE INSURANCE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION
13 COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DIVISION
14 MAY BE DESIGNATED AS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE
15 PERSONNEL ACT.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 Section 1. Section 8-8-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,
20 Chapter 108, Section 5) is amended to read:

21 "8-8-5. CHIEF OF STAFF--DIVISION DIRECTORS--OTHER
22 STAFF.--

23 A. The commission shall appoint a "chief of staff"
24 who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the
25 commission staff under the general direction of the
commission. The chief of staff shall serve at the pleasure
of the commission.

B. With the consent of the commission, the chief

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1 of staff shall appoint division directors. Appointments
2 shall be made without reference to party affiliation and
3 solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of
4 their offices.

5 C. Each director, with the consent of the chief of
6 staff, shall employ such professional, technical and support
7 staff as necessary to carry out the duties of his division.
8 Employees shall be hired solely on the ground of their
9 fitness to perform the job for which they are hired. Except
10 as provided in Subsection D of this section, division staff
11 are subject to the provisions of the Personnel Act.

12 D. With the consent of the chief of staff, the
13 superintendent of insurance may designate the following
14 insurance division positions as exempt from the provisions of
15 the Personnel Act: hearing examiners, deputy
16 superintendents, chief actuaries and bureau chiefs."