

1 SENATE BILL 140

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO POISON AND
12 DRUG INFORMATION CENTER.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW MEXICO POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER
16 CREATED.--The "New Mexico poison and drug information center"
17 is created as part of the university of New Mexico health
18 sciences center.

19 SECTION 2. CERTIFICATION.--The New Mexico poison and drug
20 information center shall maintain certification by the American
21 association of poison control centers.

22 SECTION 3. DUTIES.--The New Mexico poison and drug
23 information center shall:

24 A. provide expert, twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-
25 week telephone assistance to the residents of New Mexico during

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1 possible poisoning emergencies;

2 B. provide expert, twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-
3 week emergency telephone management and treatment referral of
4 victims of poisoning to determine whether treatment can be
5 accomplished at the scene of the incident or if transport to an
6 emergency treatment or other facility is required;

7 C. provide expert, twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-
8 week telephone treatment recommendations for all types of
9 poisonings, chemical exposures, drug overdoses and exposure to
10 chemical weapons of mass destruction. This information shall
11 be provided to medical and nonmedical providers;

12 D. carry out telephone follow-up for hospitalized
13 and non-hospitalized poison patients to assess progress and
14 recommend additional treatment as necessary;

15 E. carry out telephone follow-up to families and
16 other individuals, where practicable, to ensure that adequate
17 care is provided;

18 F. work to improve the health of the residents of
19 New Mexico by reducing illness and death associated with
20 poisoning and by encouraging proper use of medications;

21 G. identify and address problems associated with
22 poisoning and medication-related illness through education and
23 public service;

24 H. work to reduce the costs associated with
25 poisoning by treating people with less severe exposures at

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1 their homes with the center's guidance;

2 I. train health care professionals in the field of
3 clinical toxicology;

4 J. expand knowledge in the field of clinical
5 toxicology through an active research program;

6 K. prevent poisonings through surveillance of toxic
7 events, education, regulation and collaboration with local,
8 state and federal agencies;

9 L. offer drug information services that provide
10 individualized, accurate, relevant and unbiased information to
11 consumers and health care professionals regarding medication-
12 related inquiries;

13 M. help train pharmacists to become drug
14 information providers;

15 N. seek to effectively use the center's resources;
16 and

17 O. work to advance the center's institutional
18 mission while supporting professional and personal growth.

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