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SENATE BILL 124

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND; ELIMINATING A  
REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF BLIND PERSONS DOMICILED  
IN NEW MEXICO.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 28-7-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,  
Chapter 108, Section 3) is amended to read:

"28-7-17. COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND--POWERS AND DUTIES.--  
The commission for the blind shall:

A. apply for and receive money from any state or  
federal agency to be used for purposes relating to blindness  
and receive on behalf of the state any gifts, donations or  
bequests from any source, to be used in carrying out the  
commission's duties;

~~[B. maintain a complete register of blind persons~~

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1 ~~domiciled in New Mexico, specifying the nature and cause of~~  
2 ~~blindness, capacity and need for educational or industrial~~  
3 ~~training and other pertinent information;~~

4 ~~G.]~~ B. maintain bureaus of information and  
5 industrial assistance to help blind persons find employment,  
6 train them in work [~~which~~] that may be pursued in their own  
7 homes and assist them in merchandising and marketing their  
8 goods;

9 ~~[D.]~~ C. establish, equip and maintain a center with  
10 qualified instructors for vocational, industrial and other  
11 training of eligible blind persons. The center shall also  
12 provide for orientation and assistance for the adjustment of  
13 blind persons;

14 ~~[E.]~~ D. research and study the causes of blindness  
15 and its prevention in cooperation with the state or any other  
16 entity [~~which~~] that the commission deems appropriate;

17 ~~[F.]~~ E. cooperate with appropriate state agencies  
18 in the adoption and carrying out of preventive measures  
19 relating to blindness;

20 ~~[G.]~~ F. promulgate rules and regulations necessary  
21 to effectuate the provisions of the Commission for the Blind  
22 Act; and

23 ~~[H.]~~ G. publish an annual report on the activities  
24 and services of the commission."