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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."