

111—1.2(216B) History and function. To respond to the unique needs of the blind of Iowa, the general assembly established the Iowa commission for the blind on April 1, 1925. Although specific programs for the blind have varied in recent years, the basic mission to promote positive attitudes toward blindness has remained constant. As a result of state government reorganization in 1986, the commission for the blind became a division of the department of human rights. However, the 72nd General Assembly restored the commission's separate status by establishing a department for the blind in 1988.