

SENATE BILL NO. 261—SENATORS CARE, PORTER, TITUS, SHAFFER,
SCHNEIDER, COFFIN AND WIENER

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN SEGERBLOM, PERKINS,
OHRENSCHALL AND MANENDO

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires veterans' home that is established in southern Nevada to include temporary housing for spouses of veterans residing in veterans' home. (BDR 37-1222)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veteran affairs; requiring the veterans' home that is established in southern Nevada to include temporary housing for the spouses of veterans residing in the veterans' home; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 417.147 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 417.147 1. The executive director shall:
3 (a) Take such actions as are necessary for the maintenance and operation
4 of a veterans' home in this state; and
5 (b) Apply for federal grants and other sources of money available for
6 establishing a veterans' home. Federal grants and other money received
7 pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited with the state treasurer for
8 credit to the veterans' home account. A federal grant must be used only as
9 permitted by the terms of the grant.
10 2. The first veterans' home that is established in this state must be
11 established at a location in southern Nevada determined to be appropriate
12 by the interim finance committee. The interim finance committee shall give

1 preference to a site that is zoned appropriately for the establishment of a
2 veterans' home, that affords minimum costs of maintenance and that is
3 located in an area where the members of the families of the veterans can
4 easily visit the veterans' home. The site for the construction of the veterans'
5 home in southern Nevada must be:

6 (a) Located in reasonable proximity to:

7 (1) A public transportation system;

8 (2) Shopping centers; and

9 (3) A major hospital that has a center for the treatment of trauma
10 which is designated as a level II center by the administrator of the health
11 division of the department of human resources.

12 (b) Not less than 5 acres in area.

13 3. *The veterans' home constructed pursuant to subsection 2 must*
14 *include an on-site facility to provide temporary housing for the spouses*
15 *of veterans residing in the veterans' home.*

16 4. *The executive director shall consider requests by the spouses of*
17 *veterans residing in the veterans' home constructed pursuant to*
18 *subsection 2 to stay in the on-site facility and has exclusive discretion to*
19 *determine:*

20 (a) *The priority of those requests; and*

21 (b) *The length of time each spouse may stay in the on-site facility.*

22 5. If an additional veterans' home is authorized, it must be established
23 in northern Nevada.

24 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.