

SENATE BILL NO. 72—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 1, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Clarifies authority of welfare division of department of human resources to establish system for producing digital images of fingerprints of applicants for and recipients of public assistance. (BDR 38-93)

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

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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 public assistance; clarifying the authority of the welfare division of the department of human resources to establish a system for producing digital images of the fingerprints of applicants for and recipients of public assistance; requiring an applicant for or recipient of public assistance to allow a digital image of his fingerprints to be provided as a condition of receiving assistance under certain circumstances; limiting the use and providing for the confidentiality of information obtained therefrom; 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.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
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3 new section to read as follows:
4 **1. *The welfare division may establish and operate an electronic***
5 ***system for producing and storing digital images of the fingerprints of***
6 ***applicants for and recipients of public assistance to prevent fraud in the***
7 ***receipt of such assistance.***
8 **2. *If such a system is established:***
9 ***(a) Any information obtained thereby is confidential and may be used***
10 ***only for purposes directly connected with the administration of this***
11 ***chapter.***
12 ***(b) An applicant for or recipient of public assistance must allow a***
13 ***digital image of his fingerprints to be produced as a condition to the***
14 ***receipt of public assistance, except as otherwise provided by the welfare***
15 ***division.***

- 1 ***(c) The welfare division may contract with a public or private entity***
- 2 ***for the establishment, maintenance and operation of the system.***
- 3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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