SENATE BILL NO. 171-SENATOR RAWSON

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN BERMAN AND BEERS

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises standards for designation of gaming enterprise districts in certain locations. (BDR 41-116)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: 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 gaming; revising the standards for designation of gaming enterprise districts in certain locations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto

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

Section 1. NRS 463.3086 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.3086 1. If the location of a proposed establishment:

- (a) Is not within the Las Vegas Boulevard gaming corridor or the rural Clark County gaming zone; and
 - (b) Is not within a gaming enterprise district,
- the commission shall not approve a nonrestricted license for the establishment unless the location of the establishment is designated a gaming enterprise district pursuant to this section.
- 9 2. If a person is proposing to operate an establishment with a 10 nonrestricted license and the location of the proposed establishment:
- 11 (a) Is not within the Las Vegas Boulevard gaming corridor or the rural 12 Clark County gaming zone; and
- 13 (b) Is not within a gaming enterprise district,
- 14 the person may petition the county, city or town having jurisdiction over
- 15 the location of the proposed establishment to designate the location of the
- 16 proposed establishment a gaming enterprise district pursuant to this
- 17 section.

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3. If a person files a petition pursuant to subsection 2, the county, city or town shall, at least 10 days before the date of the hearing on the petition, mail a notice of the hearing to:

- (a) Each owner of real property whose property line is less than 2,500 feet from the property line of the proposed establishment;
- (b) Each tenant of a mobile home park whose property line is less than 2,500 feet from the property line of the proposed establishment; and
- (c) Any advisory board that represents one or more owners of real property or tenants of a mobile home park whose property line is less than 2,500 feet from the property line of the proposed establishment.
- The notice must be written in language that is easy to understand and must set forth the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing and contain a physical description or map of the location of the proposed establishment. The petitioner shall pay the costs of providing the notice that is required by this subsection.
- 4. Any interested person is entitled to be heard at the hearing on the petition.
- 5. The county, city or town shall cause the hearing on the petition to be reported by a court reporter who is certified pursuant to chapter 656 of NRS. The petitioner shall pay the costs of having the hearing reported.
- 6. At the hearing, the petitioner must prove by clear and convincing evidence that:
- (a) The roads, water, sanitation, utilities and related services to the location are adequate;
- (b) The proposed establishment will not unduly impact public services, consumption of natural resources and the quality of life enjoyed by residents of the surrounding neighborhoods;
- (c) The proposed establishment will enhance, expand and stabilize employment and the local economy;
- (d) The proposed establishment will be located in an area planned or zoned for that purpose pursuant to NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive;
- (e) The proposed establishment will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community or be incompatible with the surrounding area;
- (f) On the date that the petition was filed, the property line of the proposed establishment was not less than:
- (1) [Five] Fifteen hundred feet from the property line of a developed residential district; and
- (2) [Fifteen] Twenty-five hundred feet from the property line of a public school, private school or structure used primarily for religious services or worship; and
 - (g) The proposed establishment will not adversely affect:
 - (1) A developed residential district; or
- (2) A public school, private school or structure used primarily for religious services,
- whose property line is within [2,500] 3,500 feet from the property line of the proposed establishment.
- 7. A three fourths vote of the governing body of the county, city or town is required to To grant the petition to designate the location of the



proposed establishment a gaming enterprise district pursuant to this section 2

- (a) Any member of the governing body of the county, city or town who represents the geographical area in which the proposed establishment is located must vote to grant the petition; and
- (b) Three-fourths of the total membership of the governing body of the county, city or town must vote to grant the petition.

 8. A county, city or town that denies a petition submitted pursuant to
- this section shall not consider another petition concerning the same location or any portion thereof for 1 year after the date of the denial.
 - 9. As used in this section:

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- (a) "Developed residential district" means a parcel of land zoned primarily for residential use in which at least one completed residential unit has been constructed on the date that the petitioner files a petition pursuant to this section.
 - (b) "Private school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 394.103.(c) "Public school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.007.
- Sec. 2. The amendatory provisions of this act apply to a petition to designate the location of a proposed establishment a gaming enterprise district pursuant to NRS 483.3086 that is filed on or after the effective date of this act.
- Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



