

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 248—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

MARCH 6, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to approval of nonrestricted gaming licenses in certain counties. (BDR 41-383)

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 provisions relating to the approval of nonrestricted gaming licenses in certain counties to authorize local governments in such counties to adopt certain standards that establishments must meet to be granted nonrestricted gaming licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Nevada Gaming Commission is prohibited from granting a nonrestricted gaming license for an establishment located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) unless the establishment is a resort hotel, which is defined as a hotel that has a gaming area and more than 200 rooms, at least one bar that seats more than 30 patrons, and at least one restaurant which is always open and which seats more than 60 patrons. (NRS 463.01865, 463.1605) A county, city or town is also authorized to require resort hotels to meet additional standards as a condition of issuance of a gaming license by the county, city or town. (NRS 463.1605)

This bill provides that the Nevada Gaming Commission is prohibited from granting a nonrestricted gaming license to an establishment located in a county whose population is less than 100,000 unless the establishment meets the standards, if any, that are adopted by the county, city or town in which the establishment is located. This bill also authorizes a county, city or town to adopt standards that require an establishment to have a minimum number of rooms for sleeping accommodations or other specific amenities as a condition of issuance of a gaming license by the county, city or town.



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

Section 1. NRS 463.1605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.1605 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Commission shall not approve a nonrestricted license, other than for the operation of a mobile gaming system, race book or sports pool at an establishment which holds a nonrestricted license to operate both gaming devices and a gambling game, for an establishment ~~that~~ :

(a) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more unless the establishment is a resort hotel.

(b) In a county whose population is less than 100,000 unless the establishment meets the standards, if any, adopted pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 by the county, city or town in which the establishment is located.

2. ~~That~~ In a county whose population:

(a) Is 100,000 or more, a county, city or town may require resort hotels to meet standards in addition to those required by this chapter as a condition of issuance of a gaming license by the county, city or town.

(b) Is less than 100,000, a county, city or town may adopt standards that require an establishment to have a minimum number of rooms for sleeping accommodations or other specific amenities as a condition of issuance of a gaming license by the county, city or town.

3. The Commission may approve a nonrestricted license for an establishment which is not a resort hotel at a new location if:

(a) The establishment was acquired or displaced pursuant to a redevelopment project undertaken by an agency created pursuant to NRS 279.382 to 279.685, inclusive, in accordance with a final order of condemnation entered before June 17, 2005; or

(b) The establishment was acquired or displaced pursuant to a redevelopment project undertaken by an agency created pursuant to NRS 279.382 to 279.685, inclusive, in accordance with a final order of condemnation entered on or after June 17, 2005, and the new location of the establishment is within the same redevelopment area as the former location of the establishment.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

