

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 407—ASSEMBLYWOMAN WEBER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Nevada Accessible Housing Registry. (BDR 18-1275)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 housing; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Nevada Accessible Housing Registry; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Nevada Accessible Housing Registry to assist persons in finding housing that is accessible to persons with disabilities. The Department will maintain the Registry on its Internet website and make the information contained in the Registry available on its statewide information and referral system (the “2-1-1- system”) created pursuant to NRS 232.359.

Section 2 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Department in the amount of \$100,000 to pay for the costs associated with establishing the Registry.

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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Department shall establish and maintain on its Internet website the Nevada Accessible Housing Registry to assist persons in finding housing in this State, which housing is:

(a) Affordable; and

(b) Accessible to persons with disabilities.

2. The Registry:



(a) Must include, without limitation, the following information related to each residence listed on the Internet website:

- (1) The address;
- (2) The cost of rent, expressed in dollars per month;
- (3) The number of bedrooms and bathrooms;
- (4) The status of vacancy or occupancy;
- (5) The adaptable or accessible features for persons with disabilities;
- (6) Any amenities associated with the residence;
- (7) The demographic characteristics of the neighborhood in which the residence is located; and
- (8) The name and telephone number of the person who may be contacted for further information regarding the residence.

(b) Must provide a mechanism that allows any person who owns or manages a residence that is accessible to persons with disabilities to post to the Registry the information related to the residence, which information is required pursuant to paragraph (a).

3. The Department shall ensure that the information included in the Registry is made available on the statewide information and referral system established pursuant to NRS 232.359.

Sec. 2. NRS 232.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.290 As used in NRS 232.290 to 232.484, inclusive, **and section 1 of this act**, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services.

2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.

3. **"Registry" means the Nevada Accessible Housing Registry established by the Department pursuant to section 1 of this act.**

Sec. 3. NRS 232.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.320 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Director:

(a) Shall appoint, with the consent of the Governor, administrators of the divisions of the Department, who are respectively designated as follows:

- (1) The Administrator of the Aging Services Division;
- (2) The Administrator of the Health Division;
- (3) The Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services;
- (4) The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services; and
- (5) The Administrator of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.

(b) Shall administer, through the divisions of the Department and the Office of Disability Services, the provisions of chapters 63,



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1 424, 425, 426A, 427A, 432A to 442, inclusive, 446 to 450,
2 inclusive, and 458A of NRS, NRS 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive,
3 422.001 to 422.410, inclusive, 422.580, 426.205 to 426.295,
4 inclusive, 432.010 to 432.133, inclusive, 444.003 to 444.430,
5 inclusive, and 445A.010 to 445A.055, inclusive, and all other
6 provisions of law relating to the functions of the divisions of the
7 Department and the Office of Disability Services, but is not
8 responsible for the clinical activities of the Health Division or the
9 professional line activities of the other divisions or the Office of
10 Disability Services.

11 (c) Shall, after considering advice from agencies of local
12 governments and nonprofit organizations which provide social
13 services, adopt a master plan for the provision of human services in
14 this State. The Director shall revise the plan biennially and deliver a
15 copy of the plan to the Governor and the Legislature at the
16 beginning of each regular session. The plan must:

17 (1) Identify and assess the plans and programs of the
18 Department for the provision of human services, and any
19 duplication of those services by federal, state and local agencies;

20 (2) Set forth priorities for the provision of those services;

21 (3) Provide for communication and the coordination of those
22 services among nonprofit organizations, agencies of local
23 government, the State and the Federal Government;

24 (4) Identify the sources of funding for services provided by
25 the Department and the allocation of that funding;

26 (5) Set forth sufficient information to assist the Department
27 in providing those services and in the planning and budgeting for the
28 future provision of those services; and

29 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the
30 Department to communicate effectively with the Federal
31 Government concerning demographic trends, formulas for the
32 distribution of federal money and any need for the modification of
33 programs administered by the Department.

34 (d) May, by regulation, require nonprofit organizations and state
35 and local governmental agencies to provide information to him
36 regarding the programs of those organizations and agencies,
37 excluding detailed information relating to their budgets and payrolls,
38 which he deems necessary for his performance of the duties
39 imposed upon him pursuant to this section.

40 (e) *May adopt such regulations as he determines to be*
41 *necessary or advisable to administer and manage the operation of*
42 *the Registry.*

43 (f) Has such other powers and duties as are provided by law.



2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director, or his designee, is responsible for appointing and removing subordinate officers and employees of the Department, other than:

(a) The Administrator of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services who is appointed pursuant to subsection 3;

(b) The Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission who is appointed pursuant to NRS 233A.055; and

(c) The State Public Defender of the Office of State Public Defender who is appointed pursuant to NRS 180.010.

3. The Governor shall appoint the Administrator of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of \$100,000 to pay for the costs associated with establishing the Nevada Accessible Housing Registry established in section 1 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

