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AN ACT relating to businesses; requiring a board of county commissioners and the governing bodies of certain incorporated cities to enter into an agreement to establish a business license to allow a licensed contractor to engage in the business of contracting in the county and cities under certain circumstances; authorizing a board of county commissioners and the governing bodies of certain other incorporated cities to enter into such an agreement; revising the circumstances for obtaining a county or city business license; revising certain provisions for the issuance of a license for a food establishment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes counties, cities and towns to issue business licenses and permits to operate a business within the limits of the county, city or town and to collect taxes on those licenses. (NRS 244.335, 266.355, 268.095, 269.170) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill require the board of county commissioners in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) and the governing body of each incorporated city whose population is 150,000 or more located in such a county (currently Henderson, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas) to enter into an agreement with each other for the establishment of a business license to allow a licensed contractor to engage in the business of contracting in the county and cities if the contractor: (1) has a place of business in an unincorporated area of the county; or (2) does not have a place of business in the county. **Sections 1 and 2** also require such a board of county commissioners to enter into similar agreements with the governing body of each incorporated city whose population is less than 150,000 located in the county (currently Boulder City and Mesquite) who chooses to enter into such an agreement. **Sections 1 and 2** further require the board of county commissioners and governing body of each such incorporated city to establish by ordinance a system for issuing the business license which sets forth the requirements for obtaining the license and the fees for the issuance and renewal of the license.

Existing law requires an applicant for a county or city business license to sign an affidavit to affirm that he or she has complied with the business licensing provisions of this State. (NRS 244.335, 268.095) **Sections 1.5 and 3** of this bill provide for an alternative procedure for an applicant to prove compliance by providing his or her entity number assigned by the Secretary of State for investigation by the city council or board of county commissioners to whom he or she is applying. Existing law also requires an applicant for a city or county business license to sign an affidavit affirming that the business maintains certain insurance requirements. (NRS 244.33505, 268.0955) **Sections 1.7 and 3.5** of this bill allow an applicant to attest to his or her compliance with these provisions instead of providing a physical signature if the applicant submits his or her application electronically.

Existing law prohibits a city, county or other licensing authority from issuing a license for the operation of a food establishment until the owner has obtained the required permit by the health authority. (NRS 446.877) **Section 3.7** of this bill



authorizes the board of county commissioners or the governing body of an incorporated city to issue a license to a food establishment contingent upon the owner's obtaining the required health permit.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 244 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The board of county commissioners in each county whose population is 700,000 or more shall enter into an agreement in accordance with the provisions of NRS 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive, with the governing body of each city whose population is 150,000 or more located within the county and with the governing body of each city located within the county whose population is less than 150,000 who chooses to enter into such an agreement for the establishment of a business license to authorize a person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS to engage in the business of contracting within the county and each of those cities.

2. The agreement required pursuant to subsection 1 must set forth the purposes, powers, rights, obligations and responsibilities, financial and otherwise, of the county and each city that enters into the agreement.

3. Upon entering into the agreement required pursuant to subsection 1, the board of county commissioners shall establish by ordinance a system for issuing such a business license that authorizes a person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS to engage in the business of contracting within the county and each city that entered into the agreement pursuant to subsection 1 and in which the person intends to conduct business.

4. An ordinance adopted pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 must include, without limitation:

- (a) The requirements for obtaining the business license;*
- (b) The fees for the issuance and renewal of the business license; and*
- (c) Any other requirements necessary to establish the system for issuing the business license.*

5. A person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS is eligible to obtain from the county a business license that authorizes the person to engage in the business of



contracting within the county and each city located in the county which enters into an agreement pursuant to subsection 1 and in which the person intends to conduct business if the person meets the requirements set forth in the ordinance to qualify for the license and:

(a) The person maintains only one place of business within the county and the place of business is located within the unincorporated area of the county;

(b) The person maintains more than one place of business within the county and each of those places of business is located within the unincorporated area of the county; or

(c) The person does not maintain any place of business within the county.

6. A person who obtains a business license described in this section is subject to all other licensing and permitting requirements of the State and any other counties and cities in which the person does business.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 244.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.335 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 3 and 4, **and section 1 of this act**, a board of county commissioners may:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 244.331 to 244.3345, inclusive, 598D.150 and 640C.100, regulate all character of lawful trades, callings, industries, occupations, professions and business conducted in its county outside of the limits of incorporated cities and towns.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 244.3359 and 576.128, fix, impose and collect a license tax for revenue or for regulation, or for both revenue and regulation, on such trades, callings, industries, occupations, professions and business.

2. The county license boards have the exclusive power in their respective counties to regulate entertainers employed by an entertainment by referral service and the business of conducting a dancing hall, escort service, entertainment by referral service or gambling game or device permitted by law, outside of an incorporated city. The county license boards may fix, impose and collect license taxes for revenue or for regulation, or for both revenue and regulation, on such employment and businesses.

3. A board of county commissioners shall not require that a person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS obtain more than one license to engage in the business of contracting or pay more than one license tax related to engaging in the business of contracting, regardless of the number of



classifications or subclassifications of licensing for which the person is licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS.

4. The board of county commissioners or county license board shall not require a person to obtain a license or pay a license tax on the sole basis that the person is a professional. *As used in this subsection, "professional" means a person who:*

(a) Holds a license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization issued by a regulatory body as defined in NRS 622.060 or who is regulated pursuant to the Nevada Supreme Court Rules; and

(b) Practices his or her profession for any type of compensation as an employee.

5. *The county license board shall provide upon request an application for a state business license pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS.* No license to engage in any type of business may be granted unless the applicant for the license ~~{signs}~~ :

(a) Signs an affidavit affirming that the business has complied with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS ~~{. The county license board shall provide upon request an application for a business license pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS. As used in this subsection, "professional" means a person who:~~

~~—(a) Holds a license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization issued by a regulatory body as defined in NRS 622.060, or who is regulated pursuant to the Nevada Supreme Court Rules; and~~

~~—(b) Practices his or her profession for any type of compensation as an employee.~~

~~—5.} ; or~~

(b) Provides to the county license board the entity number of the applicant assigned by the Secretary of State which the county may use to validate that the applicant is currently in good standing with the State and has complied with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS.

6. No license to engage in business as a seller of tangible personal property may be granted unless the applicant for the license ~~{presents}~~ :

(a) Presents written evidence that:

~~{(a)}~~ *(1)* The Department of Taxation has issued or will issue a permit for this activity, and this evidence clearly identifies the business by name; or

~~{(b)}~~ *(2)* Another regulatory agency of the State has issued or will issue a license required for this activity ~~{.~~

~~—6.} ; or~~



(b) Provides to the county license board the entity number of the applicant assigned by the Secretary of State which the county may use to validate that the applicant is currently in good standing with the State and has complied with the provisions of paragraph (a).

7. Any license tax levied for the purposes of NRS 244.3358 or 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive, constitutes a lien upon the real and personal property of the business upon which the tax was levied until the tax is paid. The lien has the same priority as a lien for general taxes. The lien must be enforced:

(a) By recording in the office of the county recorder, within 6 months after the date on which the tax became delinquent or was otherwise determined to be due and owing, a notice of the tax lien containing the following:

- (1) The amount of tax due and the appropriate year;
- (2) The name of the record owner of the property;
- (3) A description of the property sufficient for identification;

and

(4) A verification by the oath of any member of the board of county commissioners or the county fair and recreation board; and

(b) By an action for foreclosure against the property in the same manner as an action for foreclosure of any other lien, commenced within 2 years after the date of recording of the notice of the tax lien, and accompanied by appropriate notice to other lienholders.

~~[7]~~ 8. The board of county commissioners may delegate the authority to enforce liens from taxes levied for the purposes of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive, to the county fair and recreation board. If the authority is so delegated, the board of county commissioners shall revoke or suspend the license of a business upon certification by the county fair and recreation board that the license tax has become delinquent, and shall not reinstate the license until the tax is paid. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115 and 244.3357, all information concerning license taxes levied by an ordinance authorized by this section or other information concerning the business affairs or operation of any licensee obtained as a result of the payment of such license taxes or as the result of any audit or examination of the books by any authorized employee of a county fair and recreation board of the county for any license tax levied for the purpose of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive, is confidential and must not be disclosed by any member, officer or employee of the county fair and recreation board or the county imposing the license tax unless the disclosure is authorized by the affirmative action of a majority of the members of the appropriate



county fair and recreation board. Continuing disclosure may be so authorized under an agreement with the Department of Taxation or Secretary of State for the exchange of information concerning taxpayers.

Sec. 1.7. NRS 244.33505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.33505 1. In a county in which a license to engage in a business is required, the board of county commissioners shall not issue such a license unless the applicant for the license ~~signs~~:

(a) Signs an affidavit affirming that the business:

~~(a)~~ (1) Has received coverage by a private carrier as required pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, and chapter 617 of NRS;

~~(b)~~ (2) Maintains a valid certificate of self-insurance pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS;

~~(c)~~ (3) Is a member of an association of self-insured public or private employers; or

~~(d)~~ (4) Is not subject to the provisions of chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, or chapter 617 of NRS ~~(4)~~; or

(b) If the applicant submits his or her application electronically, attests to his or her compliance with the provisions of paragraph (a).

2. In a county in which such a license is not required, the board of county commissioners shall require a business, when applying for a post office box, to submit to the board the affidavit *or attestation* required by subsection 1.

3. Each board of county commissioners shall submit to the Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry monthly a list of the names of those businesses which have submitted an affidavit *or attestation* required by subsections 1 and 2.

4. Upon receiving an affidavit *or attestation* required by this section, a board of county commissioners shall provide the owner of the business with a document setting forth the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees to promote safety in the workplace, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry pursuant to NRS 618.376.

Sec. 2. Chapter 268 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The governing body of each incorporated city whose population is 150,000 or more and which is located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, whether organized under



general law or special charter, shall enter into an agreement in accordance with the provisions of NRS 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive, with the board of county commissioners of the county in which the city is located, with the governing body of every other city located within the county whose population is 150,000 or more and with the governing body of each city located within the county whose population is less than 150,000 who chooses to enter into such an agreement for the establishment of a business license to authorize a person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS to engage in the business of contracting within the county and each of those cities.

2. The agreement required pursuant to subsection 1 must set forth the purposes, powers, rights, obligations and responsibilities, financial and otherwise, of the county and each city that enters into the agreement.

3. Upon entering into the agreement required pursuant to subsection 1, the governing body of the city shall establish by ordinance a system for issuing such a business license that authorizes a person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS to engage in the business of contracting within the county and cities that entered into the agreement pursuant to subsection 1 and in which the person intends to conduct business.

4. An ordinance adopted pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 must include, without limitation:

(a) The requirements for obtaining the business license;

(b) The fees for the issuance and renewal of the business license; and

(c) Any other requirements necessary to establish the system for issuing the business license.

5. A person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS is eligible to obtain from the city a business license that authorizes the person to engage in the business of contracting within the county and each city located in the county which enters into an agreement pursuant to subsection 1 and in which the person intends to conduct business if the person meets the requirements set forth in the ordinance to qualify for the license and:

(a) The person maintains only one place of business within the county and the place of business is located within the jurisdiction of the city;




(b) The person maintains more than one place of business within the county and each of those places of business is located within the jurisdiction of the city; or

(c) The person does not maintain any place of business within the county.

6. A person who obtains a business license described in this section is subject to all other licensing and permitting requirements of the State and any other counties and cities in which the person does business.

Sec. 3. NRS 268.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

268.095 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4  and section 2 of this act, the city council or other governing body of each incorporated city in this State, whether organized under general law or special charter, may:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 268.0968 and 576.128, fix, impose and collect for revenues or for regulation, or both, a license tax on all character of lawful trades, callings, industries, occupations, professions and businesses conducted within its corporate limits.

(b) Assign the proceeds of any one or more of such license taxes to the county within which the city is situated for the purpose or purposes of making the proceeds available to the county:

(1) As a pledge as additional security for the payment of any general obligation bonds issued pursuant to NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive;

(2) For redeeming any general obligation bonds issued pursuant to NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive;

(3) For defraying the costs of collecting or otherwise administering any such license tax so assigned, of the county fair and recreation board and of officers, agents and employees hired thereby, and of incidentals incurred thereby;

(4) For operating and maintaining recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the county fair and recreation board;

(5) For improving, extending and bettering recreational facilities authorized by NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive; and

(6) For constructing, purchasing or otherwise acquiring such recreational facilities.

(c) Pledge the proceeds of any tax imposed on the revenues from the rental of transient lodging pursuant to this section for the payment of any general or special obligations issued by the city for a purpose authorized by the laws of this State.

(d) Use the proceeds of any tax imposed pursuant to this section on the revenues from the rental of transient lodging:



(1) To pay the principal, interest or any other indebtedness on any general or special obligations issued by the city pursuant to the laws of this State;

(2) For the expense of operating or maintaining, or both, any facilities of the city; and

(3) For any other purpose for which other money of the city may be used.

2. The city council or other governing body of an incorporated city shall not require that a person who is licensed as a contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS obtain more than one license to engage in the business of contracting or pay more than one license tax related to engaging in the business of contracting, regardless of the number of classifications or subclassifications of licensing for which the person is licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS.

3. The proceeds of any tax imposed pursuant to this section that are pledged for the repayment of general obligations may be treated as "pledged revenues" for the purposes of NRS 350.020.

4. The city council or other governing body of an incorporated city shall not require a person to obtain a license or pay a license tax on the sole basis that the person is a professional. *As used in this subsection, "professional" means a person who:*

(a) Holds a license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization issued by a regulatory body as defined in NRS 622.060 or who is regulated pursuant to the Nevada Supreme Court Rules; and

(b) Practices his or her profession for any type of compensation as an employee.

5. *The city licensing agency shall provide upon request an application for a state business license pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS.* No license to engage in any type of business may be granted unless the applicant for the license ~~signs~~ :

(a) Signs an affidavit affirming that the business has complied with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS ~~[- The city licensing agency shall provide upon request an application for a business license pursuant to chapter 76 of NRS. As used in this subsection, "professional" means a person who:~~

~~—(a) Holds a license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization issued by a regulatory body as defined in NRS 622.060, or who is regulated pursuant to the Nevada Supreme Court Rules; and~~

~~—(b) Practices his or her profession for any type of compensation as an employee.~~

~~—5.] ; or~~



(b) Provides to the city licensing agency the entity number of the applicant assigned by the Secretary of State which the city may use to validate that the applicant is currently in good standing with the State and has complied with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS.

6. No license to engage in business as a seller of tangible personal property may be granted unless the applicant for the license ~~{presents}~~ :

(a) ~~Presents~~ written evidence that:

~~{(a)}~~ (1) The Department of Taxation has issued or will issue a permit for this activity, and this evidence clearly identifies the business by name; or

~~{(b)}~~ (2) Another regulatory agency of the State has issued or will issue a license required for this activity ~~[-~~

~~—6.1~~ ; or

(b) Provides to the city licensing agency the entity number of the applicant assigned by the Secretary of State which the city may use to validate that the applicant is currently in good standing with the State and has complied with the provisions of paragraph (a).

7. Any license tax levied under the provisions of this section constitutes a lien upon the real and personal property of the business upon which the tax was levied until the tax is paid. The lien has the same priority as a lien for general taxes. The lien must be enforced:

(a) By recording in the office of the county recorder, within 6 months following the date on which the tax became delinquent or was otherwise determined to be due and owing, a notice of the tax lien containing the following:

- (1) The amount of tax due and the appropriate year;
- (2) The name of the record owner of the property;
- (3) A description of the property sufficient for identification;

and

(4) A verification by the oath of any member of the board of county commissioners or the county fair and recreation board; and

(b) By an action for foreclosure against such property in the same manner as an action for foreclosure of any other lien, commenced within 2 years after the date of recording of the notice of the tax lien, and accompanied by appropriate notice to other lienholders.

~~{7.}~~ 8. The city council or other governing body of each incorporated city may delegate the power and authority to enforce such liens to the county fair and recreation board. If the authority is so delegated, the governing body shall revoke or suspend the license of a business upon certification by the board that the license tax has



become delinquent, and shall not reinstate the license until the tax is paid. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115 and 268.0966, all information concerning license taxes levied by an ordinance authorized by this section or other information concerning the business affairs or operation of any licensee obtained as a result of the payment of those license taxes or as the result of any audit or examination of the books of the city by any authorized employee of a county fair and recreation board for any license tax levied for the purpose of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive, is confidential and must not be disclosed by any member, official or employee of the county fair and recreation board or the city imposing the license tax unless the disclosure is authorized by the affirmative action of a majority of the members of the appropriate county fair and recreation board. Continuing disclosure may be so authorized under an agreement with the Department of Taxation or the Secretary of State for the exchange of information concerning taxpayers.

~~[8-]~~ **9.** The powers conferred by this section are in addition and supplemental to, and not in substitution for, and the limitations imposed by this section do not affect the powers conferred by, any other law. No part of this section repeals or affects any other law or any part thereof, it being intended that this section provide a separate method of accomplishing its objectives, and not an exclusive one.

Sec. 3.5. NRS 268.0955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

268.0955 1. In an incorporated city in which a license to engage in a business is required, the city council or other governing body of the city shall not issue such a license unless the applicant for the license ~~[signs]~~ :

(a) Signs an affidavit affirming that the business:

~~[(a)]~~ *(1)* Has received coverage by a private carrier as required pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, and chapter 617 of NRS;

~~[(b)]~~ *(2)* Maintains a valid certificate of self-insurance pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS;

~~[(c)]~~ *(3)* Is a member of an association of self-insured public or private employers; or

~~[(d)]~~ *(4)* Is not subject to the provisions of chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, or chapter 617 of NRS ~~[]~~ ; or

(b) If the applicant submits his or her application electronically, attests to his or her compliance with the provisions of paragraph (a).

2. In an incorporated city in which such a license is not required, the city council or other governing body of the city shall



require a business, when applying for a post office box, to submit to the governing body the affidavit *or attestation* required by subsection 1.

3. Each city council or other governing body of an incorporated city shall submit to the Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry monthly a list of the names of those businesses which have submitted an affidavit *or attestation* required by subsections 1 and 2.

4. Upon receiving an affidavit *or attestation* required by this section, the city council or other governing body of an incorporated city shall provide the applicant with a document setting forth the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees to promote safety in the workplace in accordance with regulations adopted by the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry pursuant to NRS 618.376.

Sec. 3.7. NRS 446.877 is hereby amended to read as follows:

446.877 ~~{No}~~

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, no license under any license ordinance of ~~{a city, county or other}~~ any licensing authority ~~{shall}~~ may be issued for the operation of a food establishment to any person owning or operating such food establishment unless the permit required by this chapter has first been granted by the health authority.

2. A board of county commissioners or the city council or other governing body of an incorporated city, whether organized under general law or special charter, may issue a license to operate a food establishment to any person owning or operating the food establishment contingent upon the person's obtaining the permit required by this chapter from the health authority.

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4.5. The governing body of a county whose population is 700,000 or more and each city whose population is 150,000 or more located in the county shall:

1. Enter into the agreements required pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this act; and

2. Adopt the ordinances required pursuant to section 1 and 2 of this act,

↳ on or before 1 year after the effective date of this act.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

