

SENATE BILL NO. 24—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Office of Small Business Advocacy within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. (BDR 18-404)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; revising provisions governing the funding of the Office of Small Business Advocacy within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; extending the prospective expiration of the Office of Small Business Advocacy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law: (1) creates within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor the Office of Small Business Advocacy; (2) eliminates the Office on June 30, 2023; and (3) authorizes the Lieutenant Governor to employ personnel as necessary to perform the functions and duties of the Office of Small Business Advocacy within the limits of money available from sources other than from the State General Fund. (NRS 224.160) **Section 2** of this bill extends the prospective expiration of the Office on July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2025. (Chapter 240, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 1147) **Section 1** of this bill: (1) eliminates the prohibition on employing personnel for the Office of Small Business Advocacy with money from the State General Fund; and (2) authorizes the Lieutenant Governor to employ personnel for the Office of Small Business Advocacy within the limits of money appropriated or authorized for such purposes.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 224.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

224.160 1. The Office of Small Business Advocacy is hereby  
created within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

2. The Lieutenant Governor may, within the limits of money  
~~[available other than from the State General Fund]~~ **appropriated or  
authorized** for such purpose, employ such personnel as are  
necessary to perform the functions and duties of the Office of Small  
Business Advocacy set forth in NRS 224.100 to 224.250, inclusive.  
To be employed by the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to this  
section, a person must have the necessary training and experience to  
perform the duties for which he or she is hired. An employee of the  
Office of Small Business Advocacy is in the unclassified service of  
the State and serves at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor.

3. A state agency may cooperate with and assist the Office of  
Small Business Advocacy in the performance of its duties and  
functions.

**Sec. 2.** Section 20 of chapter 240, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at  
page 1154, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20. 1. This section becomes effective upon  
passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act :

(a) Become effective:

(1) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of  
adopting any regulations and performing any other  
preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry  
out the provisions of this act; and

(2) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

(b) Expire by limitation on June 30, ~~[2023.]~~ **2025.**

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

