

SENATE BILL NO. 317—SENATORS SCHEIBLE, SPEARMAN, DONATE,
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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to resources for
persons experiencing homelessness. (BDR 38-981)

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 public welfare; authorizing a provider of
homeless services to authorize the use of the provider's
address as a temporary mailing address by a person
experiencing homelessness for certain purposes; requiring
the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the
Department of Health and Human Services to publish a
list of such providers; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide
certain services to persons who are transient, at imminent risk of homelessness or
homeless. (NRS 422A.680) **Section 7** of this bill authorizes a provider of homeless
services to authorize a person experiencing homelessness to utilize the provider's
address as a temporary mailing address, if that person is a Nevada resident
receiving other services from the provider. A person authorized to use a temporary
mailing address under **section 7** may use that temporary mailing address for various
purposes, including applying for public assistance, enrolling a family member in
school, enrolling in an institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education,
obtaining housing and seeking or retaining employment. **Section 7** requires a
provider of homeless services to notify the Division of Welfare and Supportive
Services within 30 days after authorizing a person experiencing homelessness to
use the provider's address as that person's temporary address. Finally, **section 7**
requires the Division, within the limits of legislative appropriation, to publish on
the Internet website maintained by the Division a list of providers of homeless
services that authorize a person experiencing homelessness to use the provider's
address as that person's temporary mailing address.

Section 8 of this bill authorizes the Administrator of the Division to adopt
regulations to carry out the provisions of **sections 2-8** of this bill.



Sections 3-6 of this bill define terms relating to the provision of a temporary address for a person experiencing homelessness.

Section 1 of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper placement of **sections 2-8** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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

Section 1. Chapter 422A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 3. *“Nevada resident” means a person who has:*

1. Actually resided in this State for at least 6 months; or

2. A valid driver’s license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles of this State, other than such an identification card which indicates that the person is a seasonal resident.

Sec. 4. *“Person experiencing homelessness” means a person who is transient, at imminent risk of homelessness or homeless.*

Sec. 5. *“Provider of homeless services” means an organization that:*

1. Is a governmental entity or is exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3);

2. Operates in this State; and

3. Primarily provides services to persons experiencing homelessness.

Sec. 6. *“Temporary mailing address” means a mailing address which a person experiencing homelessness is authorized to use pursuant to section 7 of this act.*

Sec. 7. *1. A provider of homeless services may authorize a person to use the provider’s address as that person’s temporary mailing address for a period of time not to exceed 180 days if that person is:*

(a) A Nevada resident;

(b) A person in crisis; and

(c) Receiving services from the provider of homeless services.

2. A person experiencing homelessness may use a temporary mailing address to:

(a) Apply for public assistance;



1 ***(b) Enroll a family member in a school or other public***
2 ***educational facility;***

3 ***(c) Enroll in an institution of the Nevada System of Higher***
4 ***Education;***

5 ***(d) Obtain permanent or temporary housing, including,***
6 ***without limitation, supportive housing;***

7 ***(e) Seek or retain employment; or***

8 ***(f) Facilitate any other purpose prescribed by the***
9 ***Administrator of the Division.***

10 ***3. A provider of homeless services that authorizes a person***
11 ***experiencing homelessness to use the provider's address as a***
12 ***temporary mailing address shall notify the Division within 30 days***
13 ***after the authorization is given.***

14 ***4. Within the limits of legislative appropriation, the Division***
15 ***shall publish a list of all the providers of homeless services that***
16 ***authorize a person experiencing homelessness to use the***
17 ***provider's address as the person's temporary mailing address on***
18 ***an Internet website maintained by the Division.***

19 ***Sec. 8. The Administrator may adopt regulations to carry out***
20 ***the provisions of sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.***

21 ***Sec. 9. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and***
22 ***approval.***

23 ***2. Sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act become effective:***

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

27 ***(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.***

