

Senate Bill No. 317—Senators Scheible, Spearman, Donate, Neal, D.
Harris; Daly, Lange, Ohrenschall and Pazina

CHAPTER.....

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 receiving other services from the provider and is a Nevada resident or a person who is not currently a Nevada resident and who the provider determines intends to remain in the State of Nevada for at least 6 months. 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 of the Department within 30 days after authorizing a person experiencing homelessness to use the provider's address as that person's temporary address. **Section 7** further 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. Finally, **section 7** provides that nothing in this bill shall be construed to prohibit a person actually residing at a provider of homeless services from using the address of that provider for the purpose of registering to vote or receiving voting materials by mail.

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.

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 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 or a person who is not currently a Nevada resident and who the provider determines intends to remain in the State of Nevada for at least 6 months;

(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;

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

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

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

(e) Seek or retain employment; or

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



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

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

5. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person actually residing at a provider of homeless services from using the address of that provider of homeless services where the person resides for the purpose of registering to vote or receiving voting materials by mail.*

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

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

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

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

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

