

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 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.

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



- 1 (c) *Receiving services from the provider of homeless services.*
2 2. *A person experiencing homelessness may use a temporary*
3 *mailing address to:*
4 (a) *Apply for public assistance;*
5 (b) *Enroll a family member in a school or other public*
6 *educational facility;*
7 (c) *Enroll in an institution of the Nevada System of Higher*
8 *Education;*
9 (d) *Obtain permanent or temporary housing, including,*
10 *without limitation, supportive housing;*
11 (e) *Seek or retain employment; or*
12 (f) *Facilitate any other purpose prescribed by the*
13 *Administrator of the Division.*
14 3. *A provider of homeless services that authorizes a person*
15 *experiencing homelessness to use the provider's address as a*
16 *temporary mailing address shall notify the Division within 30 days*
17 *after the authorization is given.*
18 4. *Within the limits of legislative appropriation, the Division*
19 *shall publish a list of all the providers of homeless services that*
20 *authorize a person experiencing homelessness to use the*
21 *provider's address as the person's temporary mailing address on*
22 *an Internet website maintained by the Division.*
23 5. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a*
24 *person actually residing at a provider of homeless services from*
25 *using the address of that provider of homeless services where the*
26 *person resides for the purpose of registering to vote or receiving*
27 *voting materials by mail.*
28 **Sec. 8. The Administrator may adopt regulations to carry out**
29 **the provisions of sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.**
30 **Sec. 9.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
31 approval.
32 2. Sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act become effective:
33 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
34 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
35 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
36 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

