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SECOND REPRINT

A.B. 321

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 321—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS JACKSON, D’SILVA,
GONZÁLEZ, O’NEILL; DALIA, NADEEM, ORENTLICHER AND ROTH

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to offenders.
(BDR 16-1015)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 offenders; authorizing the Director of the Department of Corrections to establish a transitional housing program for certain offenders to develop skills and training relating to forestry management and conservation; requiring the State Forester Firewarden to establish a hiring program to appoint certain former offenders to firefighting positions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Director of the Department of Corrections is authorized
2 to enter into one or more contracts with one or more public or private entities to
3 provide certain services to offenders, including transitional housing. (NRS
4 209.4889) **Section 4.5** of this bill authorizes the Director to establish, in
5 coordination with the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation
6 and Natural Resources, a transitional housing program to provide training in
7 forestry management and conservation for certain offenders who: (1) are committed
8 to the custody of the Department and eligible for assignment to an institution or
9 facility of minimum security; and (2) have previously been denied parole solely due
10 to a lack of other available transitional housing.

11 Under existing law, the State Forester Firewarden, in cooperation with the
12 Department of Corrections, is required to establish and carry out a program for
13 operating conservation camps in this State which may use offenders who meet
14 certain requirements to perform certain work, including firefighting. (NRS
15 209.457) **Section 5** of this bill requires the State Forester Firewarden to establish a
16 hiring program to appoint former offenders who performed firefighting work in
17 such conservation camps to firefighting positions in the Division of Forestry of the
18 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

5 **Sec. 4.5.** Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
6 thereto a new section to read as follows:

7 *The Director may establish, in coordination with the Division*
8 *of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural*
9 *Resources, a transitional housing program to provide training in*
10 *forestry management and conservation for offenders who:*

11 1. *Are committed to the custody of the Department and*
12 *eligible for assignment to an institution or facility of minimum*
13 *security pursuant to the provisions of NRS 209.481; and*

14 2. *Have previously been denied parole solely due to a lack of*
15 *other available transitional housing.*

16 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 472 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
17 thereto a new section to read as follows:

18 1. *The State Forester Firewarden shall establish a hiring*
19 *program to provide a pathway to hire for firefighting positions*
20 *within this State. Under the hiring program, the State Forester*
21 *Firewarden may appoint a person to fill a position in the classified*
22 *service as a firefighter with the Division of Forestry of the State*
23 *Department of Conservation and Natural Resources if the person:*

24 (a) *Was a former offender assigned to work in a program for*
25 *operating conservation camps established pursuant to NRS*
26 *209.457 and performed work relating to firefighting;*

27 (b) *Successfully completed the training necessary to prepare*
28 *the offenders assigned to the conservation camp to assist in*
29 *firefighting pursuant to NRS 209.457;*

30 (c) *Has obtained any certifications required for employment as*
31 *a firefighter with the Division of Forestry; and*

32 (d) *Meets any other qualifications established by the State*
33 *Forester Firewarden.*

34 2. *The State Forester Firewarden may adopt regulations to*
35 *carry out the provisions of this section.*

36 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

