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AN ACT relating to housing; revising provisions which prohibit certain insurers from discriminating based on the breed of a dog at certain properties; revising provisions relating to the supportive housing grant program implemented by the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law prohibits an insurer from refusing to issue, cancelling, refusing to renew or increasing the premium or rate for certain policies of insurance on the sole basis of the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog that is harbored or owned on an applicable property unless, pursuant to the public health laws of this State, the particular dog: (1) is known to be dangerous or vicious; or (2) has been declared to be dangerous or vicious. (NRS 687B.383) **Section 1** of this bill expands this prohibition: (1) by removing the limitation that the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog be the sole basis for taking the prohibited action; and (2) to include a policy of insurance which covers a multi-family residential dwelling.

Existing law requires the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, subject to the availability of funds, to develop and implement a supportive housing grant program for the purpose of awarding grants for the development of supportive housing and the provision of supportive housing services. (NRS 319.600, 319.610) **Section 2** of this bill requires any recipient of a grant for supportive housing to agree in writing to allow a tenant in the supportive housing to keep at least one pet, subject to any applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances relating to public health, animal control or the prevention of cruelty to animals.

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. NRS 687B.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

687B.383 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an insurer shall not:

- (a) Refuse to issue;
- (b) Cancel;
- (c) Refuse to renew; or
- (d) Increase a premium or rate for,

➔ a policy of insurance based ~~solely~~ on the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog that is harbored or owned on an applicable property.



2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit an insurer from:

- (a) Refusing to issue;
- (b) Cancelling;
- (c) Refusing to renew; or
- (d) Imposing a reasonable increase to a premium or rate for,

↳ a policy of insurance based on sound underwriting and actuarial principles on the basis that a particular dog which is harbored or owned on an applicable property is known to be dangerous or vicious or has been declared to be dangerous or vicious in accordance with NRS 202.500.

3. An insurer may not ask or inquire about the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog which is harbored or owned on an applicable property except to ask if the dog is known to be dangerous or vicious or has been declared to be dangerous or vicious in accordance with NRS 202.500.

4. As used in this section, "policy of insurance" means:

- (a) A policy of homeowner's insurance;
- (b) A policy of renter's insurance;
- (c) A policy of insurance which covers a manufactured home or a mobile home; ~~and~~
- (d) *A policy of insurance which covers a multi-family residential dwelling; and*
- (e) An umbrella policy as defined in NRS 687B.440.

Sec. 2. NRS 319.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

319.600 1. The Division shall, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for such a purpose, develop and implement a supportive housing grant program for the purpose of awarding grants for the development of supportive housing and the provision of supportive housing services. The program must include a process for applying for a grant to:

- (a) Procure and develop supportive housing;
- (b) Train and build the capacity of a supportive housing partnership;
- (c) Fund the operation of a supportive housing partnership; and
- (d) Analyze the progress of supportive housing in this State.

2. Any recipient of a grant for supportive housing must agree in writing to ~~comply~~:

(a) *Comply* with all applicable provisions of chapter 118A of NRS.

(b) *Allow a tenant in the supportive housing to keep at least one pet, subject to any applicable federal, state and local laws,*



regulations and ordinances related to public health, animal control or the prevention of cruelty to animals.

3. The Division shall consult with the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing created by NRS 232.4981 before approving any application for a grant pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

4. The Division shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations must prescribe, without limitation:

(a) The criteria for eligibility to receive money from the supportive housing grant program; and

(b) Procedures for the submission and review of applications to receive money from the supportive housing grant program.

5. On or before December 1 of each year that the supportive housing grant program is funded, the Division shall submit a report to the Chair of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, or to the Legislative Commission, if the Legislature is not in session. The report must include:

(a) Information on and feedback from grant recipients; and

(b) Information on the use of grant money and participation in the supportive housing grant program.

6. The Division may use a portion of the money in the Nevada Supportive Housing Development Fund created by NRS 319.610 to prepare the report required by subsection 5.

7. As used in this section:

(a) *“Pet” means a domesticated animal owned or possessed by a person for the purpose of pleasure or companionship, including, without limitation, a cat or dog.*

(b) “Supportive housing” means subsidized housing that reduces barriers to retaining housing that are caused by a person’s rental history, criminal history and income through the provision of onsite and offsite supportive services that are designed to assist a person who has:

(1) A disabling behavioral or physical health condition; and

(2) Experienced:

(I) Homelessness or been at imminent risk of homelessness; or

(II) Unnecessary institutionalization.

~~(b)~~ (c) “Supportive services” includes, without limitation, social services, community support services, case management



services, employment services, health care and behavioral health treatment.

Sec. 3. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

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