
SENATE BILL NO. 29—COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, LABOR, AND ENERGY

(ON BEHALF OF THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING DIVISION)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Fund for Low-Income Owners of Manufactured Homes. (BDR 10-360)

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 manufactured homes; revising the provisions relating to the waiver of eligibility requirements for financial assistance from the Fund for Low-Income Owners of Manufactured Homes under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth the eligibility requirements for assistance from the Fund
2 for Low-Income Owners of Manufactured Homes and authorizes the Administrator
3 of the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry
4 to waive those requirements if the circumstances of an applicant for assistance have
5 changed as the result of certain factors. (NRS 118B.215) This bill provides that the
6 Administrator may waive the eligibility requirements if the applicant demonstrates
7 to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the circumstances of the applicant
8 warrant such a waiver.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 118B.215 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 118B.215 1. There is hereby created as a special revenue
4 fund in the State Treasury the Fund for Low-Income Owners of
5 Manufactured Homes, to be administered by the Division. All
6 money received for the use of the Fund pursuant to NRS 118B.213
7 or from any other source must be deposited in the Fund.

8 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,
9 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the
10 Fund. All claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims
11 against the State are paid.

12 3. The money in the Fund may be used only to pay necessary
13 administrative costs and to assist eligible persons by supplementing
14 their monthly rent for the manufactured home lot on which their
15 manufactured home is located. Except as otherwise provided in
16 subsection 5, to be eligible for assistance from the Fund a person
17 must:

18 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, have been a
19 tenant in the same manufactured home park in this State for at least
20 1 year immediately preceding his or her application for assistance;

21 (b) Be the registered owner of the manufactured home which is
22 subject to the tenancy, as indicated on the certificate of ownership
23 that is issued by the Division pursuant to NRS 489.541;

24 (c) Have a monthly household income, as determined by the
25 Administrator in accordance with subsection 4, which is at or below:

26 (1) The federally designated level signifying poverty or
27 \$750, whichever is greater, if the person is the sole occupant of the
28 manufactured home; or

29 (2) The federally designated level signifying poverty or
30 \$1,125, whichever is greater, if the person is not the sole occupant
31 of the manufactured home;

32 (d) Be a tenant in a manufactured home park that is operated for
33 profit and maintain continuous tenancy in that park during the
34 duration of the supplemental assistance; and

35 (e) Not have assets whose value is more than \$12,000, excluding
36 the value of:

37 (1) The manufactured home which is subject to the tenancy;

38 (2) The contents of that manufactured home; and

39 (3) One motor vehicle.

40 ↪ A person who has been a tenant of a manufactured home park in
41 this State for at least 1 year, but has not been a tenant of the
42 manufactured home park in which the tenant resides at the time the



1 tenant applies for assistance for at least 1 year, is eligible for
2 assistance from the Fund if the tenant moved to the manufactured
3 home park in which the tenant resides at the time of his or her
4 application because the tenant was unable to pay the rent at the
5 manufactured home park from which the tenant moved or because
6 that park was closed.

7 4. In determining the monthly household income of an
8 applicant pursuant to subsection 3, the Administrator shall exclude
9 from the calculation:

10 (a) The value of any food stamps the applicant received pursuant
11 to the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§ 2011 et
12 seq., during the year immediately preceding his or her application
13 for assistance; or

14 (b) If the applicant is receiving coverage pursuant to Medicare
15 Part B, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395j et seq., the value of the cost of that
16 coverage during the year immediately preceding his or her
17 application for assistance,

18 ↪ whichever is greater.

19 5. The Administrator may waive the requirements for
20 eligibility set forth in subsection 3 upon the written request of an
21 applicant if the ~~circumstances of the applicant have changed~~
22 *applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administrator*
23 *that the circumstances of the applicant warrant a waiver* as a result
24 of:

25 (a) Illness;

26 (b) Disability; or

27 (c) Extreme financial hardship based upon a significant
28 reduction of income, when considering the applicant's current
29 financial circumstances.

30 ↪ An applicant shall include with his or her request for a waiver all
31 medical and financial documents that support his or her request.

32 6. The Administrator shall adopt regulations establishing:

33 (a) The annual reporting requirements for persons receiving
34 assistance pursuant to this section. The regulations must require that
35 each such person provide the Division with a written
36 acknowledgment of his or her continued eligibility for assistance.

37 (b) The maximum amount of assistance which may be
38 distributed to a person to supplement his or her monthly rent
39 pursuant to this section.

40 7. As used in this section:

41 (a) "Manufactured home" includes a travel trailer that is located
42 on a manufactured home lot within a manufactured home park.

43 (b) "Monthly household income" means the combined monthly
44 incomes of the occupants of a manufactured home which is subject
45 to the tenancy for which assistance from the Fund is requested.



- 1 (c) "Travel trailer" has the meaning ascribed to it in
- 2 NRS 489.150.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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