

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 417—ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Main Street Program within the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. (BDR 18-1053)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 tourism; creating the Nevada Main Street Program within the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs; setting forth the requirements for the operation of the Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs,
2 consisting of the Division of Tourism, the Division of Museums and History, the
3 Board of Museums and History, the Nevada Arts Council, the Nevada Indian
4 Commission, the Board of the Nevada Arts Council and the Commission on
5 Tourism. (NRS 231.167) **Section 5** of this bill creates the Nevada Main Street
6 Program within the Department. The Program is designed to provide state-level
7 coordination with the National Main Street Center, Inc., which is a wholly owned
8 subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust for
9 Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization working to preserve historic places
10 through programs such as the National Main Street Center.
11 **Section 6** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Tourism and
12 Cultural Affairs to: (1) adopt regulations setting forth the requirements to apply for
13 and receive approval as a designated local Main Street program; and (2) coordinate
14 the Program and approve or deny applications for grants to designated local Main
15 Street programs. **Section 7** of this bill creates the Account for the Nevada Main
16 Street Program in the State General Fund to accept donations, grants and other
17 types of funding for the award of grants and operation of the Program. **Section 9**
18 of this bill makes an appropriation of \$500,000 from the State General Fund to the
19 Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the Department of Tourism and
20 Cultural Affairs for the operation of the Program and to provide grants to
21 designated local Main Street programs.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless*
5 *the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in*
6 *sections 3 and 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in*
7 *those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Account” means the Account for the Nevada Main*
9 *Street Program created by section 7 of this act.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Program” means the Nevada Main Street Program*
11 *created by section 5 of this act.*

12 **Sec. 5.** *The Nevada Main Street Program is hereby created*
13 *within the Department. The Program must:*

14 1. *Be administered in accordance with the standards*
15 *developed by the National Main Street Center, Inc., a subsidiary of*
16 *the National Trust for Historic Preservation;*

17 2. *Designate local Main Street programs in accordance with*
18 *regulations adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act;*

19 3. *Coordinate those designated local Main Street programs;*

20 4. *Provide training and technical assistance to those*
21 *designated local Main Street programs; and*

22 5. *Award grants from the Account to those designated local*
23 *Main Street programs to further the community and economic*
24 *revitalization and development of aging business districts and*
25 *neighborhoods in this State.*

26 **Sec. 6.** *The Director shall:*

27 1. *Adopt regulations setting forth:*

28 (a) *The requirements to apply for and receive approval as a*
29 *designated local Main Street program, including, without*
30 *limitation, a requirement that each designated local Main Street*
31 *program be administered by a county, city or nonprofit entity; and*

32 (b) *The requirements for applying for a grant from the*
33 *Account.*

34 2. *Coordinate the Program in accordance with the standards*
35 *developed by the National Main Street Center, Inc., to further the*
36 *requirements set forth in section 5 of this act and to approve or*
37 *deny applications for designation as a local Main Street program*
38 *or for grants from the Account which are submitted in accordance*
39 *with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1.*

40 **Sec. 7.** 1. *The Account for the Nevada Main Street*
41 *Program is hereby created in the State General Fund.*



1 2. *The Director shall administer the Account and may apply*
2 *for and accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest or other source of*
3 *money for deposit in the Account.*

4 3. *The money in the Account must be used to:*

5 (a) *Provide technical assistance and training to local Main*
6 *Street programs;*

7 (b) *Award grants to designated local Main Street programs*
8 *approved pursuant to the regulations adopted pursuant to section*
9 *6 of this act; and*

10 (c) *Pay any reasonable administrative expenses incurred by*
11 *the Director to carry out the Program.*

12 4. *Any money appropriated from the State General Fund for*
13 *the Program must be deposited in the Account.*

14 5. *The interest and income earned on money in the Account,*
15 *after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the*
16 *Account.*

17 6. *Any claims against the Account must be paid as other*
18 *claims against the State are paid.*

19 7. *Any money in the Account remaining at the end of a fiscal*
20 *year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in*
21 *the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*

22 **Sec. 8.** NRS 231.161 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 231.161 As used in NRS 231.161 to 231.360, inclusive, *and*
24 *sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act,* unless the context otherwise
25 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 231.163 and 231.165
26 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

27 **Sec. 9.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
28 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of
29 \$500,000 for allocation to the Department of Tourism and Cultural
30 Affairs for the operation of the Nevada Main Street Program created
31 by section 5 of this act and the award of grants of money to
32 designated local Main Street programs.

33 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
34 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
35 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
36 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
37 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
38 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
39 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was
40 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
41 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
42 Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

43 **Sec. 10.** The appropriation made by section 9 of this act is not
44 intended to finance ongoing expenditures of state agencies, and the
45 expenditures financed with that appropriation must not be included



- 1 as base budget expenditures in the proposed budget for the
- 2 Executive Department of the State Government for the 2017-2019
- 3 biennium.
- 4 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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