

SENATE BILL NO. 142—SENATORS D. HARRIS, SCHEIBLE,  
FLORES, DONATE; DALY AND LANGE

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Enacts the Homeless Persons’ Bill of Rights.  
(BDR 38-195)

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 homelessness; enacting the Homeless Persons’  
Bill of Rights; authorizing certain civil actions; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill enacts the Homeless Persons’ Bill of Rights. **Section 3** of this bill  
2 requires that a person experiencing homelessness be entitled to the same rights,  
3 privileges and benefits afforded to a resident of this State who is not experiencing  
4 homelessness. **Section 3** also provides that a person experiencing homelessness is  
5 entitled to certain specific rights. **Section 4** of this bill authorizes a court to award  
6 declaratory and injunctive relief, actual damages, reasonable attorney’s fees and  
7 any other appropriate legal or equitable relief to a prevailing plaintiff who alleges a  
8 violation of these rights.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 428 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *Section 3 of this act may be cited as the Homeless*  
4 *Persons’ Bill of Rights.*

5 **Sec. 3. 1.** *A person experiencing homelessness is entitled to*  
6 *the same rights, privileges and benefits afforded to a resident of*  
7 *this State who is not experiencing homelessness, including,*  
8 *without limitation, the right to:*



1 (a) *Be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy*  
2 *and dignity.*

3 (b) *Be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse.*

4 (c) *Use and move freely in or on public places, including,*  
5 *without limitation, public sidewalks, government buildings, public*  
6 *parks and public transportation vehicles.*

7 (d) *Equal treatment by state or local governmental agencies.*

8 (e) *Have access to necessary emergency medical services.*

9 (f) *Register to vote and vote in accordance with state election*  
10 *laws.*

11 (g) *A reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her personal*  
12 *property, regardless of his or her location or the location of the*  
13 *property, to the same extent as a person who is not experiencing*  
14 *homelessness has the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy*  
15 *in any personal property located inside his or her residence.*

16 (h) *Be free from:*

17 (1) *Discrimination by an employer on the basis of his or her*  
18 *inability to provide the employer with a permanent mailing*  
19 *address or an address other than the address of a homeless shelter*  
20 *or the address of another person or entity that provides social*  
21 *services for persons experiencing homelessness.*

22 (2) *The unauthorized disclosure of his or her personally*  
23 *identifiable information.*

24 2. *This section must not be construed to authorize a person*  
25 *who is experiencing homelessness to engage in conduct that*  
26 *violates any state or local law, ordinance or regulation.*

27 3. *As used in this section, "personally identifiable*  
28 *information" means information that may be used to identify a*  
29 *person including, without limitation, the name, address, telephone*  
30 *number, date of birth or social security number of a person.*

31 **Sec. 4.** *A person experiencing homelessness may bring a civil*  
32 *action in a court of competent jurisdiction for a violation of*  
33 *section 3 of this act to seek any or all of the following relief:*

34 1. *Declaratory and injunctive relief.*

35 2. *Actual damages.*

36 3. *Reasonable attorney's fees.*

37 4. *Any other legal or equitable relief that the court deems*  
38 *appropriate.*

