ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 37–COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to housing. (BDR 25-257)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets formitted material; is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to housing; renaming the position of Housing Advocate within the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry as the Housing Liaison; revising provisions relating to the statewide low-income housing database maintained by the Division; revising provisions relating to the Account for Affordable Housing; revising provisions governing the tiers of affordable housing; revising provisions relating to certain reports submitted to the Division by certain local governments relating to affordable housing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Housing Division in the Department of Business and Industry and charges the Division, among other duties, with responsibility for increasing the availability of decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons of low and moderate income in this State. (NRS 232.510; chapter 319 of NRS) Existing law creates the position of Housing Advocate within the Division and establishes the duties for the position, which include providing information and assistance to persons who reside in affordable housing and manufactured housing. (NRS 319.141) **Section 1** of this bill renames the position of Housing Advocate as the Housing Liaison.

Existing law requires the Division to create and maintain a statewide low-income housing database. The database is required to include certain information relating to low-income housing, including compilations and analysis of





demographic, economic and housing data from a variety of sources. (NRS 319.143) **Section 2** of this bill requires the inclusion of any survey conducted by the Division in the database. **Section 2** also revises the data that is required to be included in the database by: (1) changing the measure for determining the number of households in various population groups experiencing high housing costs from 50 to 30 percent of household income; (2) increasing from 2 years to 3 years the length of the planning period for identifying when subsidized units are forecast to convert to market-rate units; and (3) adding information regarding certain multi-family residential housing. **Section 2** further requires the Division, on or before December 31 of each year, to analyze the data in the database and prepare and post on its website a report of its analysis.

Existing law creates the Account for Affordable Housing in the State General Fund, which is required to be administered by the Division, and prescribes the distribution and use of money in the Account. (NRS 319.500, 319.510) Under existing law, the costs to create and maintain the statewide low-income housing database are required to be paid from the Account up to a maximum of \$175,000 per year. (NRS 319.143, 319.510) **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill: (1) require payment from the Account of the costs to prepare the new annual report required by **section 2**; and (2) change the maximum annual amount authorized from the Account for the payment of costs related to the database from the fixed amount of \$175,000 to not more than 6 percent of the money deposited in the Account in each fiscal year.

Existing law also authorizes the Division to expend not more than \$40,000 per year or an amount equal to 6 percent of money received pursuant to the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Act, whichever is greater, as reimbursement for administering the Account and that federal money. (NRS 319.510; 42 U.S.C. §§ 12701 et seq.) Section 3: (1) eliminates the authority of the Division to receive reimbursement from the Account for administering that federal money; and (2) changes the maximum amount authorized from the Account as reimbursement for administering the Account to not more than 6 percent of the money deposited in the Account in each fiscal year.

Existing law requires the Division to distribute a certain portion of money in the Account to certain charitable organizations, housing authorities and local governments for the acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing for eligible families, subject to certain requirements. One such eligibility requirement in existing law is that not less than 15 percent of the units acquired, constructed or rehabilitated be affordable to persons whose income is at or below the federally designated level signifying poverty. (NRS 319.510) **Section 3**: (1) changes the income level for that requirement to at or below 30 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the applicable county; and (2) clarifies that the money is authorized to be distributed to one or more of the types of entities that are eligible recipients. **Section 3** also eliminates the eligibility requirement in existing law that a local government sponsor such a project.

Existing law establishes three tiers of affordable housing for various purposes in existing law and defines "affordable housing" as housing that falls within any of the three tiers. (NRS 232.860, 244.189, 244.287, 268.058, 268.190, 278.0105, 279.385, 279A.020, 279B.020, 315.9625, 319.042) Under existing law, the tiers are based on both household income and the costs of housing as a percentage of that income. With respect to household income: (1) "tier one affordable housing" is housing for a household which has a total monthly gross income that is equal to not more than 60 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located, which is commonly known as the area median household income; (2) "tier two affordable housing" is housing for a household which has a total monthly gross income that is equal to more than 60 percent but not more than 80 percent of the area median household income; and (3) "tier three affordable housing" is housing for a household which has a total monthly gross



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income that is equal to more than 80 percent but not more than 120 percent of the area median household income. In addition, with respect to the costs of housing, affordable housing under existing law is housing that costs not more than 30 percent of the total monthly gross household income of the household with an income at the maximum percentage of the area median household income for the tier. (NRS 278.01902, 278.01904, 278,01906) Section 4 of this bill creates a new tier of affordable housing, to be known as "tier one affordable housing," that addresses housing for a household that has a total monthly gross income that is equal to not more than 30 percent of the area median household income. As a result of the creation of this new tier of affordable housing, section 7 of this bill renames "tier one affordable housing" in existing law as "tier two affordable housing" and changes the percentage range for median income for that tier to more than 30 percent but not more than 60 percent of the area median household income. Section 9 of this bill renames "tier two affordable housing" in existing law, for which the percentage range for median income is more than 60 percent but not more than 80 percent of the area median household income, as "workforce affordable housing." Section 8 of this bill renames "tier three affordable housing" in existing law, for which the percentage range for median income is more than 80 percent but not more than 120 percent of the area median household income, as "attainable affordable housing." Section 5 of this bill applies the newly defined term in section 4 to the provisions of existing law relating to planning and zoning. Sections 6 and 11 of this bill make conforming changes to existing law to reflect the new tier.

Existing law requires the governing body of certain cities or counties to submit to the Division annual progress reports relating to affordable housing. (NRS 278.235) Existing law requires: (1) the inclusion of these reports in the statewide low-income housing database; and (2) the Division to compile and post these reports on its Internet website. (NRS 278.235, 319.143) **Section 10** of this bill moves the deadline for: (1) the submission of the reports to the Division from July 15 to March 15; and (2) the posting of the compilation of the reports by the Division from August 15 to April 15. Because the change in the deadlines is not effective until October 1, 2025, pursuant to **section 14** of this bill, the new deadlines apply initially to the reports submitted in 2026.

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

Section 1. NRS 319.141 is hereby amended to read as follows: 319.141 1. The Housing [Advocate] *Liaison* is hereby created within the Division.

- 2. The Administrator shall appoint a person to serve in the position of Housing [Advocate.] *Liaison*. The Housing [Advocate.] *Liaison* is in the unclassified service of the State and serves at the pleasure of the Administrator.
- 3. The person so appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must be knowledgeable about affordable housing and manufactured housing.
 - 4. The Housing [Advocate] *Liaison* shall:
- (a) Respond to written and telephonic inquiries received from residents who reside in affordable housing and manufactured housing and provide assistance to such residents in understanding their rights and responsibilities;



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- (b) Conduct community outreach and provide information concerning housing to residents who reside in affordable housing and manufactured housing;
- (c) Identify and investigate complaints of residents of affordable housing and manufactured housing that relate to their housing and provide assistance to such residents to resolve the complaints;
- (d) Establish and maintain a system to collect and maintain information pertaining to written and telephonic inquiries received by the Division; and
- (e) [Any] *Perform any* other duties specified by the Administrator.
- 5. The Administrator may remove the Housing [Advocate] *Liaison* from the office for any reason not prohibited by law.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 319.143 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 319.143 1. The Division shall create and maintain a statewide low-income housing database.
- 2. The database must include, without limitation, the compilation [and analysis] of demographic, economic and housing data from a variety of sources, including, without limitation, reports submitted pursuant to NRS 278.235 [, that:] and any survey conducted by the Division, relating to the information that must be included in the report required by subsection 3.
 - 3. On or before December 31 of each year, the Division shall:
- (a) [Provides for an annual assessment of] Analyze the data in the database and prepare a report which must:
- (1) Assess the affordable housing market at the city and county level, including data relating to housing units, age of housing, rental rates and rental vacancy rates, new home sales and resale of homes, new construction permits, mobile homes, lots available for mobile homes and conversions of multifamily condominiums;

[(b) Addresses]

(2) Address the housing needs of various population groups in Nevada, such as households that rent, homeowners, elderly households, veterans, persons with disabilities or special needs, homeless persons, recovering persons with a substance use disorder, persons suffering from mental health ailments and victims of domestic violence, with each group distinguished to show the percentage of the population group at different income levels, and a determination of the number of households within each specialneeds group experiencing housing costs greater than [50] 30 percent of their income, overcrowding or substandard housing;

(c) Contains

(3) **Contain** an estimate of the number and condition of subsidized and other low-income housing units at the county level





and the identification of any subsidized units that are forecast to convert to market-rate units within a [2 year] 3-year planning period;

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(4) Provide a demographic and economic overview by local and county jurisdiction, if feasible, for the population of Nevada, including age, race and ethnicity, household size, migration, current and forecast employment, household income and a summary relating to the effects of demographics and economic factors on housing demand;

(e) Provides

(5) **Provide** the number of housing units available to a victim of domestic violence from any housing authority, as defined in NRS 315.021, and from participation in the program of housing assistance pursuant to section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. § 1437f; and

[(f) Provides]

- (6) **Provide** the number of terminations of victims of domestic violence in this State from the program of housing assistance pursuant to section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. § 1437f.
 - [3. The costs of creating and maintaining the database:
- (a) Must be paid from the Account for Affordable Housing created by NRS 319.500; and]
- (b) [May not exceed \$175,000 per year.] Post the report on the Internet website of the Division.
- 4. If an owner of multifamily residential housing that is offered for rent or lease in this State and is:
 - (a) Accessible to persons with disabilities; and
 - (b) Affordable housing, as defined in NRS 278.0105,
- has received any loan, grant or contribution for the multifamily residential housing from the Federal Government or the State, the owner shall, not less than quarterly, report to the Division *for inclusion in the database* information concerning each unit of the multifamily residential housing that is available and suitable for use by a person with a disability.
- 5. The Division shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of subsection 4.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 319.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 319.510 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, money deposited in the Account for Affordable Housing must be used:
- (a) For the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing for eligible families by public or private





nonprofit charitable organizations, housing authorities or local governments through loans, grants or subsidies;

- (b) To provide technical and financial assistance to public or private nonprofit charitable organizations, housing authorities and local governments for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing for eligible families;
- (c) To provide funding for projects of public or private nonprofit charitable organizations, housing authorities or local governments that provide assistance to or guarantee the payment of rent or deposits as security for rent for eligible families, including homeless persons;
- (d) To reimburse the Division for the costs of administering the Account;
- (e) To assist eligible persons by supplementing their monthly rent for the manufactured home lots, as defined by NRS 118B.016, on which their manufactured homes, as defined by NRS 118B.015, are located; [and]
- (f) To pay the costs of creating and maintaining the statewide low-income housing database and preparing the annual report required by NRS 319.143; and
- (g) In any other manner consistent with this section to assist eligible families in obtaining or keeping affordable housing, including use as the State's contribution to facilitate the receipt of related federal money.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the] The Division may expend each fiscal year not more than:
- (a) Six percent of the money [from] deposited in the Account as reimbursement for the necessary costs of efficiently administering the Account. [and any money received pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 12701 et seq. In no case may the Division expend more than \$40,000 per year or an amount equal to 6 percent of any money made available to the State pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 12701 et seq., whichever is greater. In addition, the Division may expend not more than \$175,000 per year from]
- (b) Six percent of the money deposited in the Account to create and maintain the statewide low-income housing database and prepare the annual report required by NRS 319.143. [The Division may expend not more than \$75,000 per year]
- (c) Seventy-five thousand dollars of the money deposited in the Account pursuant to NRS 375.070 for the purpose set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 1.
- 3. Of the remaining money allocated from the Account [:] after the expenditures authorized by subsection 2:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection [3,] 4, 15 percent must be distributed to the Division of Welfare and Supportive





Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for use in its program developed pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 233.120, as that section existed on December 4, 1997, to provide emergency assistance to needy families with children, subject to the following:

- (1) The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services shall adopt regulations governing the use of the money that are consistent with the provisions of this section.
- (2) The money must be used solely for activities relating to affordable housing that are consistent with the provisions of this section.
- (3) The money must be made available to families that have children and whose income is at or below the federally designated level signifying poverty.
- (4) All money provided by the Federal Government to match the money distributed to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services pursuant to this section must be expended for activities consistent with the provisions of this section.
- (b) Eighty-five percent must be distributed to public or private nonprofit charitable organizations, housing authorities [and] *or* local governments for the acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing for eligible families, subject to the following:
- (1) Priority may be given to those projects that provide a preference for:
 - (I) Women who are veterans:
 - (II) Women who were previously incarcerated;
 - (III) Survivors of domestic violence;
- (IV) Elderly women who do not have stable or adequate living arrangements; and
- (V) Unmarried persons with primary physical custody of a child.
- (2) Priority must be given to those projects that qualify for the federal tax credit relating to low-income housing.
- (3) Priority must be given to those projects that anticipate receiving federal money to match the state money distributed to them.
- (4) Priority must be given to those projects that have the commitment of a local government to provide assistance to them.
- (5) All money must be used to benefit families whose income does not exceed 120 percent of the median income for families residing in the same county, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- (6) Not less than 15 percent of the units acquired, constructed or rehabilitated must be affordable to persons whose income is at or below [the federally designated level signifying poverty.] 30 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in





which the housing is located. For the purposes of this subparagraph, a unit is affordable if a family does not have to pay more than 30 percent of its gross income for housing costs, including both utility and mortgage or rental costs.

[(7) To be eligible to receive money pursuant to this paragraph, a project must be sponsored by a local government.

- 3.] 4. The Division may, pursuant to contract and in lieu of distributing money to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection [2,] 3, distribute any amount of that money to private or public nonprofit entities for use consistent with the provisions of this section.
- **Sec. 4.** Chapter 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. "Tier one affordable housing" means housing for a household:
- (a) Which has a total monthly gross income that is equal to not more than 30 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located; and
- (b) Which costs not more than 30 percent of the total monthly gross household income of a household whose income equals 30 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located, including the cost of utilities.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, median gross household income must be determined based upon the estimates of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the most current median gross family income for the county in which the housing is located.
 - **Sec. 5.** NRS 278.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 278.010 As used in NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 278.0103 to 278.0195, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 278.0105 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 278.0105 "Affordable housing" means tier one affordable housing, tier two affordable housing [or tier three], workforce affordable housing or attainable affordable housing.
- **Sec. 7.** NRS 278.01902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 278.01902 1. "Tier [one] *two* affordable housing" means housing for a household:
- (a) Which has a total monthly gross income that is equal to *more than 30 percent but* not more than 60 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located; and





- (b) Which costs not more than 30 percent of the total monthly gross household income of a household whose income equals 60 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located, including the cost of utilities.
- 2. For purposes of this section, median gross household income must be determined based upon the estimates of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the most current median gross family income for the county in which the housing is located.
- **Sec. 8.** NRS 278.01904 is hereby amended to read as follows: 278.01904 1. ["Tier three] "Attainable affordable housing" means housing for a household:
- (a) Which has a total monthly gross income that is equal to more than 80 percent but not more than 120 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located; and
- (b) Which costs not more than 30 percent of the total monthly gross household income of a household whose income equals 120 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located, including the cost of utilities.
- 2. For purposes of this section, median gross household income must be determined based upon the estimates of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the most current median gross family income for the county in which the housing is located.
- **Sec. 9.** NRS 278.01906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 278.01906 1. ["Tier_two] "Workforce affordable housing" means housing for a household:
- (a) Which has a total monthly gross income that is equal to more than 60 percent but not more than 80 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located; and
- (b) Which costs not more than 30 percent of the total monthly gross household income of a household whose income equals 80 percent of the median monthly gross household income for the county in which the housing is located, including the cost of utilities.
- 2. For purposes of this section, median gross household income must be determined based upon the estimates of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the most current median gross family income for the county in which the housing is located.





Sec. 10. NRS 278.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

278.235 1. If the governing body of a city or county is required to include the housing element in its master plan pursuant to NRS 278.150, the governing body, in carrying out the plan for maintaining and developing affordable housing to meet the housing needs of the community, which is required to be included in the housing element pursuant to subparagraph (8) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 278.160, shall adopt at least six of the following measures:

- (a) Reducing or subsidizing in whole or in part impact fees, fees for the issuance of building permits collected pursuant to NRS 278.580 and fees imposed for the purpose for which an enterprise fund was created.
- (b) Selling land owned by the city or county, as applicable, to developers exclusively for the development of affordable housing at not more than 10 percent of the appraised value of the land, and requiring that any such savings, subsidy or reduction in price be passed on to the purchaser of housing in such a development. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes a city or county to obtain land pursuant to the power of eminent domain for the purposes set forth in this paragraph.
- (c) Donating land owned by the city or county to a nonprofit organization to be used for affordable housing.
- (d) Leasing land by the city or county to be used for affordable housing.
- (e) Requesting to purchase land owned by the Federal Government at a discounted price for the creation of affordable housing pursuant to the provisions of section 7(b) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105-263.
- (f) Establishing a trust fund for affordable housing that must be used for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing.
- (g) Establishing a process that expedites the approval of plans and specifications relating to maintaining and developing affordable housing.
- (h) Providing money, support or density bonuses for affordable housing developments that are financed, wholly or in part, with low-income housing tax credits, private activity bonds or money from a governmental entity for affordable housing, including, without limitation, money received pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1701q and 42 U.S.C. § 8013.
- (i) Providing financial incentives or density bonuses to promote appropriate transit-oriented or multi-story housing developments that would include an affordable housing component.





- (j) Offering density bonuses or other incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing.
- (k) Providing direct financial assistance to qualified applicants for the purchase or rental of affordable housing.
- (1) Providing money for supportive services necessary to enable persons with supportive housing needs to reside in affordable housing in accordance with a need for supportive housing identified in the 5-year consolidated plan adopted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the city or county pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12705 and described in 24 C.F.R. Part 91.
- 2. A governing body may reduce or subsidize impact fees, fees for the issuance of building permits or fees imposed for the purpose for which an enterprise fund was created to assist in maintaining or developing a project for affordable housing, pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, only if:
- (a) When the incomes of all the residents of the project for affordable housing are averaged, the housing would be affordable on average for a family with a total gross income that does not exceed 60 percent of the median gross income for the county concerned based upon the estimates of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the most current median gross family income for the county.
- (b) The governing body has adopted an ordinance that establishes the criteria that a project for affordable housing must satisfy to receive assistance in maintaining or developing the project for affordable housing. Such criteria must be designed to put into effect all relevant elements of the master plan adopted by the governing body pursuant to NRS 278.150.
- (c) The project for affordable housing satisfies the criteria set forth in the ordinance adopted pursuant to paragraph (b).
- (d) The governing body makes a determination that reducing or subsidizing such fees will not impair adversely the ability of the governing body to pay, when due, all interest and principal on any outstanding bonds or any other obligations for which revenue from such fees was pledged.
- (e) The governing body holds a public hearing concerning the effect of the reduction or subsidization of such fees on the economic viability of the general fund of the city or county, as applicable, and, if applicable, the economic viability of any affected enterprise fund.
- 3. On or before [July] March 15 of each year, the governing body shall submit to the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry a report, in the form prescribed by the Housing Division, of how the measures adopted pursuant to subsection 1 assisted the city or county in maintaining and





developing affordable housing to meet the needs of the community for the preceding year. The report must include an analysis of the need for affordable housing within the city or county that exists at the end of the reporting period. The governing body shall cooperate with the Housing Division to ensure that the information contained in the report is appropriate for inclusion in, and can be effectively incorporated into, the statewide low-income housing database created pursuant to NRS 319.143.

4. On or before [August] April 15 of each year, the Housing Division shall compile the reports submitted pursuant to subsection 3 and post the compilation on the Internet website of the Housing Division.

Sec. 11. NRS 375.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

375.070 1. The county recorder shall transmit the proceeds of the tax imposed by NRS 375.020 at the end of each quarter in the following manner:

- (a) An amount equal to that portion of the proceeds which is equivalent to 10 cents for each \$500 of value or fraction thereof must be transmitted to the State Controller who shall deposit that amount in the Account for Affordable Housing created pursuant to NRS 319.500.
- (b) In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, an amount equal to that portion of the proceeds which is equivalent to 60 cents for each \$500 of value or fraction thereof must be transmitted to the county treasurer for deposit in the county school district's fund for capital projects established pursuant to NRS 387.328, to be held and expended in the same manner as other money deposited in that fund.
- (c) The remaining proceeds must be transmitted to the State Controller for deposit in the Local Government Tax Distribution Account created by NRS 360.660 for credit to the respective accounts of Carson City and each county.
- 2. In addition to any other authorized use of the proceeds it receives pursuant to subsection 1, a county or city may use the proceeds to pay expenses related to or incurred for the development of tier one affordable housing, [and] tier two affordable housing [.] and workforce affordable housing. A county or city that uses the proceeds in that manner must give priority to the development of tier one affordable housing, [and] tier two affordable housing and workforce affordable housing for persons who are elderly or persons with disabilities.
- 3. The expenses authorized by subsection 2 include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) The costs to acquire land and developmental rights;
 - (b) Related predevelopment expenses;





- (c) The costs to develop the land, including the payment of related rebates;
 - (d) Contributions toward down payments made for the purchase of affordable housing; and
 - (e) The creation of related trust funds.
 - 4. As used in this section:

- (a) "Tier one affordable housing" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 278.01902.] section 4 of this act.
- (b) "Tier two affordable housing" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS [278.01906.] 278.01902.
- (c) "Workforce affordable housing" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 278.01906.
- **Sec. 12.** The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately change any references to an officer, agency or other entity whose name is changed or whose responsibilities are transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to refer to the appropriate officer, agency or other entity.
- **Sec. 13.** 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by an officer or an agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency remain in force until amended by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the adoption of the regulations has been transferred.
- 2. Any contracts or other agreements entered into by an officer or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency are binding upon the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the administration of the provisions of the contract or other agreement has been transferred. Such contracts and other agreements may be enforced by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the contract or other agreement has been transferred.
- 3. Any action taken by an officer or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency remains in effect as if taken by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the enforcement of such actions has been transferred.
- **Sec. 14.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 9, inclusive, 11, 12 and 13 of this act become effective on July 1, 2025.

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2. Section 10 of this act becomes effective on October 1, 2025.



