

SENATE BILL NO. 318—SENATORS SCHEIBLE AND D. HARRIS

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to homeless persons. (BDR 21-969)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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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 indigent persons; authorizing the governing body of an incorporated city to impose an annual surcharge on users of the sanitary sewer system of an incorporated city to provide funding for services and affordable housing for persons who are homeless or indigent in the incorporated city; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for the imposition of certain surcharges and taxes by a
2 county or city. (Chapter 268 of NRS) This bill authorizes the governing body of an
3 incorporated city to impose an annual surcharge on users of the sanitary sewer
4 system of an incorporated city in an amount not to exceed \$25 multiplied by the
5 equivalent residential unit calculated for the user by the incorporated city. This bill
6 requires the incorporated city to account for the proceeds of the surcharge and use
7 those proceeds to provide services or affordable housing for persons who are
8 homeless or indigent within the incorporated city. This bill also defines “equivalent
9 residential unit” to mean the average amount of wastewater discharged by a class of
10 users of the city’s sanitary sewer system divided by the average amount of
11 wastewater discharged by a single-family dwelling.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 268 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The governing body of an incorporated city may impose,*
4 *and provide for the collection and enforcement of, an annual*



1 *surcharge on each user of the sanitary sewer system of the*
2 *incorporated city in an amount not to exceed \$25 multiplied by the*
3 *equivalent residential unit calculated for the class of user in which*
4 *the user is placed by the incorporated city.*

5 2. *An annual surcharge imposed pursuant to this section is in*
6 *addition to any sewer service fees or sewer connection fees, and*
7 *any other surcharge on the use of the sanitary sewer system of the*
8 *incorporated city, imposed on the users of the sanitary sewer*
9 *system of the incorporated city.*

10 3. *The proceeds of an annual surcharge imposed pursuant to*
11 *this section must be accounted for separately in the general fund*
12 *of the incorporated city and used by the incorporated city to*
13 *provide services or affordable housing to persons who are*
14 *homeless or indigent in the incorporated city.*

15 4. *As used in this section, "equivalent residential unit" means*
16 *a fraction, the numerator of which is the average amount of*
17 *wastewater discharged by the class of customer in which the user*
18 *of the sanitary sewer system is placed by the incorporated city and*
19 *the denominator of which is the average amount of wastewater*
20 *discharged by a single-family dwelling, as determined by the*
21 *incorporated city.*

22 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

