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AN ACT relating to prisoners; authorizing the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to provide money for transitional housing for indigent prisoners released on parole under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a prisoner who is eligible for parole may not be released from prison until the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety approves the prisoner's proposed plan for placement upon release. (NRS 213.140) This bill authorizes the Division to pay all or a portion of the cost of a prisoner's transitional housing if the prisoner is indigent and the prisoner's proposed plan for placement upon release indicates that the prisoner will reside in transitional housing upon his or her release.

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

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

Section 1. NRS 213.140 is hereby amended to read as follows: 213.140 1. When a prisoner becomes eligible for parole pursuant to this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, the Board shall consider and may authorize the release of the prisoner on parole as provided in this chapter. The Board may authorize the release of a prisoner on parole whether or not parole is accepted by the prisoner.

2. If the release of a prisoner on parole is authorized by the Board, the Division shall:

(a) Review and, if appropriate, approve each prisoner's proposed plan for placement upon release; or

(b) If the prisoner's plan is not approved by the Division, assist the prisoner to develop a plan for his or her placement upon release, → before the prisoner is released on parole. The prisoner's proposed plan must identify the county in which the prisoner will reside if the prisoner will be paroled in Nevada.

3. If a prisoner is indigent and the prisoner's proposed plan for placement upon release indicates that the prisoner will reside in transitional housing upon release, the Division may, within the limits of available resources, pay for all or a portion of the cost of the transitional housing for the prisoner based upon the prisoner's economic need, as determined by the Division. The Division shall



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make such payment directly to the provider of the transitional housing.

4. The Board may adopt any regulations necessary or convenient to carry out this section.
Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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