

SENATE BILL NO. 186—SENATOR DENIS

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the provision of information and assistance to immigrants. (BDR 18-280)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 governmental administration; creating the Office for New Americans in the Office of the Governor; establishing the duties of the Office; requiring a regulatory body to create an online resource that provides information about obtaining a license or similar authorization to practice certain occupations or professions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 3** of this bill creates the Office for New Americans in the Office of the
2 Governor and requires the Governor to appoint a Director of the Office. **Sections 3**
3 **and 4** of this bill require the Director to: (1) advise the Governor and each state
4 agency on all matters relating to the formulation and implementation of policies,
5 programs and procedures affecting immigrants in this State; and (2) ensure that the
6 Office for New Americans performs certain duties. **Section 5** of this bill requires,
7 under certain circumstances, each agency, board, commission, department, officer,
8 employee or agent of this State or a political subdivision of this State to provide
9 assistance to the Office.

10 **Section 6** of this bill requires a regulatory body to create an online resource for
11 immigrants that provides information on how to obtain a license to practice each
12 occupation or profession which the regulatory body regulates. Existing law defines
13 the term “license” to mean “any license, certificate, registration, permit or similar
14 type of authorization issued by a regulatory body.” (NRS 622.030)



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 223 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, unless*
5 *the context otherwise requires, “state agency” means every public*
6 *agency, bureau, board, commission, department or division of the*
7 *Executive Department of State Government.*

8 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Office for New Americans is hereby created*
9 *in the Office of the Governor.*

10 **2.** *The Governor shall appoint a Director of the Office for*
11 *New Americans. The Director is in the unclassified service of the*
12 *State and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.*

13 **3.** *The Director shall advise the Governor and each state*
14 *agency on all matters relating to the formulation and*
15 *implementation of policies, programs and procedures affecting*
16 *immigrants in this State.*

17 **Sec. 4.** *The Director of the Office for New Americans shall*
18 *ensure that the Office:*

19 **1.** *Serves as the coordinating office for each state agency that*
20 *is responsible for a program that provides services to immigrants*
21 *in this State, including, without limitation, a program that:*

22 **(a)** *Assists immigrants with entrepreneurship and questions*
23 *relating to professional licensing, registration, permitting or*
24 *similar type of authorization issued by a regulatory body;*

25 **(b)** *Connects immigrants to business resources that harness*
26 *their skills and other workforce development programs; and*

27 **(c)** *Assists immigrants in the areas of education, housing and*
28 *health care as well as enhancing the overall quality of life for*
29 *immigrants in this State.*

30 **2.** *Analyzes and makes recommendations to the Governor on*
31 *proposals and policies relating to immigrants in this State, and on*
32 *the elimination of duplication in existing state programs in these*
33 *areas.*

34 **3.** *Leads a collaborative statewide effort to retain and attract*
35 *international talent to this State, including, without limitation,*
36 *persons who hold a graduate degree and entrepreneurs.*

37 **4.** *Develops sustainable partnerships with existing community*
38 *foundation, nonprofit and private sector service providers that*
39 *serve immigrant communities in this State.*

40 **5.** *Provides information and assistance relating to issues*
41 *affecting immigrants to state agencies, both directly and by serving*
42 *as a clearinghouse for information received from state agencies,*



1 *other branches of government, any other state or the Federal*
2 *Government.*

3 *6. Engages in state and federal advocacy and makes*
4 *recommendations concerning law and policy affecting immigrants*
5 *to advance economic and population growth in this State.*

6 **Sec. 5.** *Each agency, board, commission, department, officer,*
7 *employee or agent of this State or a political subdivision of this*
8 *State shall provide the Office for New Americans or any*
9 *representative of the Office such assistance as the functions and*
10 *operations of the Office may require as long as that assistance is*
11 *within the scope of duties of the person or entity.*

12 **Sec. 6.** Chapter 622 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14 *Each regulatory body shall create an online resource for*
15 *immigrants that provides information on how to obtain a license*
16 *in this State to practice each occupation or profession which the*
17 *regulatory body regulates.*

18 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.



