SENATE BILL NO. 276–SENATOR DENIS

MARCH 18, 2021

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Imposes a technology fee for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses, certificates, permits and registrations issued by the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry. (BDR 54-840)

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

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

AN ACT relating to real estate; imposing a technology fee for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses, certificates, permits and registrations issued by the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry; prescribing requirements governing the use of money collected from the fee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires persons who wish to engage in certain professions 1 2345678 relating to real estate to obtain a license, certificate, permit or registration from the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry. (Chapters 119A, 645, 645C, 645D and 645H of NRS) Sections 3, 7, 8, 11, 14-16 and 18 of this bill require an applicant for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses, certificates, permits and registrations issued by the Division to pay a technology fee of \$15 in addition to any other fee assessed by the Division for any such issuance or renewal. Sections 1, 4, 9, 12 and 17 of this bill require that the money collected from the 9 technology fee imposed on each type of regulated profession or occupation be: (1) 10 deposited in a separate account in the State General Fund and not revert at the end 11 of a fiscal year; and (2) used only to acquire technology for or improve the 12 technology used by the Division to administer the provisions of law governing that 13 profession or occupation. Sections 2, 5, 6, 10 and 13 of this bill make conforming 14 changes relating to the deposit and authorized use of money collected from a 15 technology fee.





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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 645 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. The Technology Account for Chapter 645 of NRS is hereby 4 created in the State General Fund. The Administrator shall 5 administer the Account.

6 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the 7 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited 8 to the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of 9 the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the 10 balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal 11 year.

12 3. All money collected from the technology fee imposed 13 pursuant to NRS 645.830 must be deposited in the Account and 14 used only to acquire technology for or improve the technology 15 used by the Division to administer the provisions of this chapter, 16 including, without limitation, costs related to acquiring or improving technology, purchasing hardware and software, 17 18 maintaining the technology and contracting for professional 19 services related to the technology.

20 4. All claims against the Account must be paid as other 21 claims against the State are paid.

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Sec. 2. NRS 645.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645.140 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section [,] *and section 1 of this act*, all fees, penalties and charges received by
the Division pursuant to NRS 645.410, 645.660 and 645.830 must
be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General
Fund.

28 2. The fees received by the Division:

(a) From the sale of publications must be retained by theDivision to pay the costs of printing and distributing publications.

(b) For examinations must be retained by the Division to pay thecosts of the administration of examinations.

33 → Any surplus of the fees retained by the Division for the
 administration of examinations must be deposited with the State
 35 Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

36 3. Money for the support of the Division must be provided by 37 direct legislative appropriation, and be paid out on claims as other 38 claims against the State are paid.

39 4. Each member of the Commission is entitled to receive:

40 (a) A salary of not more than \$150 per day, as fixed by the 41 Commission, while engaged in the business of the Commission; and





(b) A per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by
 the Commission, while engaged in the business of the Commission.
 The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and
 employees generally.
 5. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each

6 employee of the Commission is entitled to receive a per diem
7 allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Commission.
8 The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and
9 employees generally.

10 Sec. 3. NRS 645.830 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645.830 1. The following fees must be charged by and paid
to the Division:

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	2 be paid at the time an application for renewal of	22
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	4 For each renewal of a real estate broker's, broker-	24
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	8 For each renewal of a real estate branch office	28
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	2 For each change of broker status from broker to	42
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3 salesperson's or salesperson's license	
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5 license when the licensee fails to give imr	
6 written notice to the Division of a cha	
7 name or business location	
8 For each reinstatement of a real estate salesp	
9 or broker-salesperson's license when he	
10 fails to notify the Division of a change of	broker
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13 For each annual renewal of a registration	
14 owner-developer	
15 For each enlargement of the area of an	owner-
16 developer's registration	
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18 state broker licensee for 1 year or f	traction
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28 2. In addition to the fees imposed by subsection 1 and NRS 29 645.843, each applicant for the issuance or renewal of a real 30 estate broker's, broker-salesperson's or salesperson's license 31 issued pursuant to this chapter must pay to the Division a 32 technology fee of \$15.

33 3. The fees prescribed by this section for courses of instruction
 34 offered in preparation for an original license or permit or for courses
 35 of continuing education do not apply to:

(a) Any university, state college or community college of theNevada System of Higher Education.

38 (b) Any agency of the State.

39 (c) Any regulatory agency of the Federal Government.

40 [3.] 4. The Commission shall adopt regulations which 41 establish the fees to be charged and collected by the Division to pay 42 the costs of any investigation of a person's background. 1 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 645C of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. The Technology Account for Chapter 645C of NRS is 4 hereby created in the State General Fund. The Administrator shall 5 administer the Account.

6 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the 7 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited 8 to the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of 9 the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the 10 balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal 11 year.

12 3. All money collected from the technology fee imposed 13 pursuant to NRS 645C.450 and 645C.680 must be deposited in the 14 Account and used only to acquire technology for or improve the technology used by the Division to administer the provisions of 15 16 this chapter, including, without limitation, costs related to acquiring or improving technology, purchasing hardware and 17 software, maintaining the technology and contracting for 18 professional services related to the technology. 19

20 4. All claims against the Account must be paid as other 21 claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 5. NRS 645C.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645C.240 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2
and 3 [,] and section 4 of this act, all fees, penalties and other
charges received by the Division pursuant to this chapter must be
deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General
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28 2. Fees received by the Division:

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(a) From the sale of publications must be retained by theDivision to pay the costs of printing and distributing publications.

(b) For examinations must be retained by the Division to pay thecosts of the administration of examinations.

33 \rightarrow Any surplus of the fees retained by the Division for the 34 administration of examinations must be deposited with the State 35 Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

36 The portion of the fees collected by the Division pursuant to 3. 37 NRS 645C.450 and 645C.680 for the issuance or renewal of a 38 certificate or license as a residential appraiser, the issuance or 39 renewal of a certificate as a general appraiser or the issuance or 40 renewal of a registration as an appraisal management company 41 which is used for payment of the annual registry fee to the Federal 42 Financial Institutions Examination Council or the Appraisal 43 Subcommittee pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 3338, must be retained by 44 the Division for payment to the Federal Financial Institutions

1 Examination Council or the Appraisal Subcommittee on an annual 2 basis. 3 4. Money for the support of the Division in carrying out the provisions of this chapter must be provided by direct legislative 4 5 appropriation and be paid out on claims as other claims against the 6 State are paid. 7 **Sec.** 6. NRS 645C.340 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 645C.340 1. Each application for an examination for a 9 certificate or license must be accompanied by the fees established by the Division pursuant to subsection $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 3 of NRS 645C.450. 10 11 The examination must test the applicant on his or her 2. 12 knowledge and understanding of: 13 (a) Subjects applicable to the type of certificate or license for 14 which the applicant is applying; and 15 (b) Laws regarding the practice of preparing and communicating 16 appraisals, including the provisions of this chapter and any 17 regulations adopted pursuant thereto. 18 The Division may hire a professional testing organization to 3. 19 create, administer or score the examination. 20 **Sec.** 7. NRS 645C.450 is hereby amended to read as follows: 645C.450 1. The following fees may be charged and 21 22 collected by the Division: 23 24 Application for a certificate, license or registration card......\$100 25 Issuance or renewal of a certificate or license as a 26 27 28 Issuance or renewal of a certificate as a general 29 30 Issuance or renewal of a registration card 190 31 32 Issuance of a duplicate certificate or license for an 33 34 35 36 Annual approval of a course of instruction offered 37 in preparation for an initial certificate or license 100 Original approval of a course of instruction offered 38 39 Renewal of approval of a course of instruction 40 41 42

43 2. In addition to any fees imposed pursuant to subsection 1, 44 each applicant for the issuance or renewal of a certificate, license

or registration card issued pursuant to this chapter must pay to the 1 2 Division a technology fee of \$15.

3 3. The Division shall adopt regulations which establish the fees to be charged and collected by the Division to pay the costs of: 4

5 (a) Any examination for a certificate or license, including any 6 costs which are necessary for the administration of such an 7 examination. 8

(b) Any investigation of a person's background.

[3.] 4. The Division shall collect and remit the annual registry 9 10 fee to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council or to 11 the Appraisal Subcommittee, as appropriate, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 12 3338 and the rules or regulations issued thereunder.

13 Sec. 8. NRS 645C.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 645C.680 1. The Division. with advice from the Commission, shall establish by regulation fees for appraisal 15 16 management companies, including, without limitation, fees for:

- 17 (a) Application for registration;
- 18 (b) Registration;
- 19 (c) Renewal of registration;
- 20 (d) Late renewal of registration;
- 21 (e) Investigation of applicants; and
- 22 (f) Inactive status.

23 2. In addition to the fees established pursuant to subsection 1, 24 each applicant for the issuance or renewal of a registration as an appraisal management company must pay to the Division a 25 26 technology fee of \$15.

27 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Division 28 shall collect and remit the annual registry fee to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council or to the Appraisal 29 30 Subcommittee, as appropriate, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 3338 and the 31 rules or regulations issued thereunder. The fee required by this 32 subsection must be collected from an appraisal management company only if, during the applicable year, the appraisal 33 34 management company oversees a network or panel of more than 15 35 certified or licensed appraisers in this State or 25 or more certified 36 or licensed appraisers nationally.

Sec. 9. Chapter 645D of NRS is hereby amended by adding 37 38 thereto a new section to read as follows:

The Technology Account for Chapter 645D of NRS is 39 1. hereby created in the State General Fund. The Administrator shall 40 administer the Account. 41

42 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the 43 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited 44 to the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of 45 the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the

balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal
 year.

3 3. All money collected from the technology fee imposed pursuant to NRS 645D.240 must be deposited in the Account and 4 used only to acquire technology for or improve the technology 5 6 used by the Division to administer the provisions of this chapter, including, without limitation, costs related to acquiring or 7 improving technology, purchasing hardware and software, 8 9 maintaining the technology and contracting for professional 10 services related to the technology.

11 4. All claims against the Account must be paid as other 12 claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 10. NRS 645D.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 645D.140 1. [All] *Except as otherwise provided in section 9* of this act, all fees, penalties and other charges received by the
 Division pursuant to this chapter must be deposited with the State
 Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

2. Money for the support of the Division in carrying out the
provisions of this chapter must be provided by direct legislative
appropriation and be paid out on claims as other claims against the
State are paid.

22 The Real Estate Commission and the Division shall deposit 3. 23 any money collected from the imposition of any administrative fine 24 or penalty pursuant to this chapter with the State Treasurer for credit 25 to the State General Fund. The Real Estate Commission or Division 26 may present a claim to the State Board of Examiners for 27 recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee if money is 28 required to pay attorney's fees or the costs of an investigation, or 29 both.

30 **Sec. 11.** NRS 645D.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31 645D.240 1. The following fees must be charged and 32 collected by the Division:

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34	For each application for a certificate or license\$100
35	For the issuance or renewal of a certificate or
36	license
37	For each penalty for a late renewal of a certificate
38	or license
39	For each change of name, address or association
40	For each duplicate certificate or license where the
41	original is lost or destroyed and an affidavit is
42	made thereof
43	For each reinstatement to active status of an
44	inactive certificate or license

1	For each annual approval of a course of instruction
2	offered in preparation for an original certificate
3	or license\$100
4	For each original accreditation of a course of
5	continuing education
6	For each renewal of accreditation of a course of
7	continuing education
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9	2. In addition to the fees imposed by subsection 1, each
10	applicant for the issuance or renewal of a certificate or license
11	issued pursuant to this chapter must pay to the Division a
12	technology fee of \$15.
13	3. The Division shall adopt regulations which establish the fees
14	to be charged and collected by the Division to pay the costs of:
15	(a) Any examination for a certificate or license, including any
16	costs which are necessary for the administration of such an
17	examination.
18	(b) Any investigation of a person's background.
19	Sec. 12. Chapter 645H of NRS is hereby amended by adding
20	thereto a new section to read as follows:
21	1. The Technology Account for Chapter 645H of NRS is
22	hereby created in the State General Fund. The Administrator shall
23	administer the Account.
24	2. The interest and income earned on the money in the
25	Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited
26	to the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of
27	the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the
28	balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal
29	year.
30	3. All money collected from the technology fees imposed
31	pursuant to NRS 645H.530, 645H.540 and 645H.560 must be
32	deposited in the Account and used only to acquire technology for
33	or improve the technology used by the Division to administer the
34	provisions of this chapter, including, without limitation, costs
35	related to acquiring or improving technology, purchasing
36	hardware and software, maintaining the technology and
37	contracting for professional services related to the technology.
38	4. All claims against the Account must be paid as other
39	claims against the State are paid.
40	Sec. 13. NRS 645H.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:
41	645H.350 1. [All] Except as otherwise provided in section
42	12 of this act, all fees and administrative fines received by the
43	Division pursuant to this chapter must be deposited with the State
11	Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund

44 Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

1 2. Money for the support of the Division in carrying out the 2 provisions of this chapter must be provided by direct legislative 3 appropriation and be paid out on claims as other claims against the 4 State are paid.

Sec. 14. NRS 645H.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 645H.530 1. A person in this State who is employed or 7 independently contracted as an asset manager by an asset 8 management company shall apply to the Division for a permit to 9 engage in asset management and pay a fee of \$75 for the issuance of 10 the permit.

11 2. In addition to the fee imposed by subsection 1, a person 12 who applies to the Division for a permit to engage in asset 13 management pursuant to subsection 1 must pay to the Division a 14 technology fee of \$15.

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3. An applicant for a permit must:

(a) At his or her own expense:

(1) Arrange to have a complete set of fingerprints taken by a
law enforcement agency or other authorized entity acceptable to the
Division; and

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(2) Submit to the Division:

(I) A completed fingerprint card and written permission authorizing the Division to submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report on the applicant's background and to such other law enforcement agencies as the Division deems necessary; or

27 (II) Written verification, on a form prescribed by the 28 Division, stating that the fingerprints of the applicant were taken by 29 a law enforcement agency or other authorized entity and directly 30 forwarded by electronic or other means to the Central Repository 31 and that the applicant has given written permission to the law 32 enforcement agency or other authorized entity to submit the 33 fingerprints to the Central Repository for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report on the applicant's background 34 35 and to such other law enforcement agencies as the Division deems 36 necessary:

(b) Submit to the Division a signed statement attesting that the
applicant has read and understands the provisions of NRS 645H.520
and 645H.680 to 645H.770, inclusive; and

40 (c) Comply with all other requirements established by the 41 Division for the issuance of a permit.

42 [3.] 4. The Division may:

43 (a) Unless the applicant's fingerprints are forwarded pursuant to 44 sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of 45 subsection [2,] 3, submit those fingerprints to the Central Repository

other law enforcement agencies as the Division deems necessary; 2 3 and (b) Request from each such agency any information regarding 4 5 the applicant's background as the Division deems necessary. 6 **Sec. 15.** NRS 645H.540 is hereby amended to read as follows: 7 645H.540 1. A permit issued pursuant to NRS 645H.530 8 expires 1 year after the date of issuance, unless it is renewed. To renew the permit, the registrant must submit to the Division on or 9 10 before the date of expiration: 11 [1.] (a) An application for renewal; 12 [2.] (b) A fee of \$75; and 13 [3.] (c) All information required to complete the renewal. In addition to the fee imposed by subsection 1, a registrant 14 2. who submits to the Division an application for renewal of a permit 15 pursuant to subsection 1 must pay to the Division a technology fee 16 17 of \$15. Sec. 16. NRS 645H.560 is hereby amended to read as follows: 18 19 645H.560 1. A person must pay the following fees for the 20 issuance or renewal of a certificate of registration as an asset 21 management company: 22 (a) For the issuance of a certificate of registration, an application 23 fee of \$2,000 for the principal office and a fee of \$500 for the

24 issuance of the initial certificate of registration. 25

(b) For the renewal of a certificate of registration, a fee of \$500.

26 2. The following fees must be charged by and paid to the 27 Division: 28

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29	For each issuance of a duplicate registration or
30	permit\$50
31	For each change in the name or location of a
32	business
33	For each change in the name or business address of
34	a holder of a permit
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35 In addition to the fees imposed by subsection 1, each 36 3. applicant for the issuance or renewal of a certificate of 37 registration as an asset management company must pay to the 38 Division a technology fee of \$15. 39

Sec. 17. Chapter 119A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 40 thereto a new section to read as follows: 41

42 The Technology Account for Chapter 119A of NRS is 1. hereby created in the State General Fund. The Administrator shall 43 44 administer the Account.

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The interest and income earned on the money in the 1 2. 2 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited 3 to the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the 4 5 balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal 6 vear. 7 *3*. All money collected from the technology fee imposed

8 pursuant to NRS 119A.360 must be deposited in the Account and 9 used only to acquire technology for or improve the technology 10 used by the Division to administer the provisions of this chapter, 11 including, without limitation, costs related to acquiring or 12 improving technology, purchasing hardware and software, 13 maintaining the technology and contracting for professional 14 services related to the technology.

15 4. All claims against the Account must be paid as other 16 claims against the State are paid.

17 Sec. 18. NRS 119A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 119A.360 1. The Division shall collect the following fees at19 the time of filing:20

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3	For each original and annual registration of a
4	manager
5	For each application for an original license as a
6	sales agent
7	For each renewal of a license as a sales agent
8	For each penalty for a late renewal of a license as a
9	sales agent
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11	company 500
12	For each conversion to an abbreviated registration 7,500
13	For each change of name or address of a licensee or
14	status of a license
15	For each duplicate license, permit or registration
16	where the original is lost or destroyed, and an
17	affidavit is made thereof25
18	For each annual approval of a course of instruction
19	offered in preparation for an original license or
20	permit
21	For each original accreditation of a course of
22	continuing education
23	For each renewal of accreditation of a course of
24	continuing education75
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26	2. Within 10 days after receipt of written notification from the
27	Administrator of the approval of the application for a permit to sell
28	time shares and before the issuance of the permit to sell time shares,
29	or within 10 days after an amendment that adds time shares to the
30 31	time-share plan is approved or deemed approved, each developer shall for each time share that the developer includes in the initial
31 32	shall, for each time share that the developer includes in the initial time-share plan or adds to the time-share plan by amendment, pay a
32 33	one-time fee of:
33 34	(a) For each such time share up to and including 1,499 time
34 35	shares, \$3.
36	(b) For each such time share over 1,499 time shares, \$1.50.
37	\rightarrow For the purposes of calculating the amount of the fee payable
38	under this subsection, "time share" means the right to use and
39	occupy a unit for 7 days or more per calendar year.
40	3. [All] In addition to the fees imposed by subsection 1, each
41	applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license as a sales agent
42	must pay to the Division a technology fee of \$15.
43	4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 17
44	of this act, all fees collected by the Division pursuant to this section

1 must be deposited for use by the Division in carrying out the 2 provisions of this chapter.

3 [4.] 5. Except for the fees relating to the registration of a 4 representative [.] and the technology fee imposed pursuant to 5 subsection 3, the Administrator may reduce the fees established by 6 this section if the reduction is equitable in relation to the costs of 7 carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

8 [5.] 6. The Division shall adopt regulations which establish the 9 fees to be charged and collected by the Division to pay the costs of:

10 (a) Any examination for a license, including any costs which are 11 necessary for the administration of such an examination.

12 (b) Any investigation of a person's background.

13 Sec. 19. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and 14 approval.

15 2. Sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

19 (b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

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