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Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 252

Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 33-150)

Sponsored By: Assemblywoman Cohen, et al.
Date Heard: March 22, 2023
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Assembly Bill 252 requires the Administrator of the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to: (1) develop and maintain an Internet website related to the institutions of the Division and ensure that the Internet website is accessible to persons who are blind or visually impaired; and (2) consult with certain organizations regarding the accessibility of institutions of the Division to persons who are blind or visually impaired. The Administrator is further required to authorize or require a museum director of an institution of the Division to establish certain procedures that enable the accessibility of the exhibits in the institution for persons who are blind or visually impaired. The bill creates the Account for Improving Access to State Museums for Persons with Disabilities in the State General Fund, to be administered by the Administrator. Money in the Account must be expended only to improve access at institutions of the Division for persons with disabilities, including, without limitation, persons who are blind or visually impaired.

The bill revises the qualifications of the membership of the Board of Museums and History by requiring that one of the five members representing the general public be a person who has a disability, including, without limitation, a person who is blind or visually impaired, in addition to being knowledgeable about museums.

Finally, the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs is required to study, during the 2023–2024 Interim, any issues that exist which limit the ability of persons with disabilities, including, without limitation, persons who are blind or visually impaired, to access the institutions of the Division.

Amendments: See attached amendment provided by the bill sponsor.

Conceptual Amendment for Assembly Bill 252
Submitted by Assemblywoman Cohen
To the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

April 4, 2023

1) Establish on the record, or amend, if necessary, subsection 2(a) of Section 2 allows a person with a disability to serve as the representative to the Board, not only a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Intent: The intent is to ensure that the language will allow a person with any disability to serve as the representative with a disability thereby allowing a broader pool of qualified applicants.

2) Amend subsection 2(a) of Section 3 starting at line 2 on page 5 to ensure that the Internet website that is developed and maintained by the Administrator of the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs is accessible to **a person with a disability, including, without limitation**, a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Intent: The intent of the amendment is to broaden the accessibility of the website to include any person with a disability, but specifically noting a person who is blind or visually impaired.

3) Amend subsection 2(b) of Section 3 to require the Administrator to consult with organizations that are dedicated to the welfare of **a person with a disability, including, without limitation**, a person who is blind or visually impaired, including, without limitation, the American Council of the Blind and the National Federation of the Blind, regarding the accessibility of institutions of the Division that are established pursuant to NRS 381.004 to a person with a disability, including, without limitation, a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Intent: The intent of the amendment is to broaden the accessibility of institutions for any person with a disability, but specifically noting a person who is blind or visually impaired.