ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 96—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Requires the creation of the Historic Sites Passport Program as a pilot program. (BDR 33-505)


AN ACT relating to historic preservation; directing the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to create the Historic Sites Passport Program as a pilot program to issue stamps in a program booklet or passport for participants who visit certain historical sites; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources which prepares and maintains the State Register of Historic Places. (NRS 383.021, 383.085) Sections 1.2 and 2 of this bill provides for the development, creation and operation of the Historic Sites Passport Program as a pilot program that will operate from July 1, 2019, through January 1, 2021, and that will issue stamps in a program booklet or passport to participants who visit certain sites, structures, objects and districts on the State Register. Section 1.4 of this bill requires the Office, in consultation with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, to prepare a report on the results of the Program and submit a copy of the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 1.2. 1. The Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, shall develop, create and administer the Historic Sites Passport Program as a pilot program.

2. The Historic Sites Passport Program must issue stamps in a program booklet or passport to program participants who visit sites, buildings, structures, objects or districts placed on the State Register of Historic Places pursuant to NRS 383.085.

3. The Historic Sites Passport Program must include, without limitation:

   (a) The identification of sites, buildings, structures, objects or districts placed on the State Register of Historic Places pursuant to NRS 383.085 that are accessible to members of the public, including, without limitation:

      (1) Publicly owned and accessible sites, buildings, structures, objects or districts that may be staffed during certain hours for the purpose of issuing stamps in a program booklet or passport; and

      (2) Sites, buildings, structures, objects or districts that are privately owned or located on private property if:

         (I) The owner of the site, building, structure, object or district or the owner of the private property, as applicable, voluntarily participates in the Historic Sites Passport Program; and

         (II) The site, building, structure, object or district may be staffed during certain hours for the purpose of issuing stamps in a program booklet or passport; and

   (b) The development and design of a program booklet or passport and a stamp. Such program booklet or passport must be:

      (1) Accessible on the Internet website of the Office of Historic Preservation for download by members of the public; and

      (2) Available in limited quantities in hard copy at locations determined by the Office of Historic Preservation.

Sec. 1.4. On or before January 1, 2021, the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, shall:

1. Prepare a report on the results of the Historic Sites Passport Program developed, created and administered pursuant to section 1.2 of this act, including, without limitation, any recommendations for legislation; and
2. Submit a copy of the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 1.6. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the sum of $50,000 to allow the Office of Historic Preservation to carry out the Historic Sites Passport Program pursuant to sections 1.2 and 1.4 of this act.

Sec. 1.8. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1.6 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

Sec. 2. 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

2. Section 1.2 of this act expires by limitation on January 1, 2021.