

Amendment No. 918

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 538	(BDR 18-1222)
Proposed by: Assemblywoman Carlton	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.



SENATE BILL NO. 538—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

MAY 7, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the provision of information and services to immigrants in this State. (BDR 18-1222)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

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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 state agencies and political subdivisions to provide certain assistance to the Office; requiring each regulatory body to create an online resource for immigrants 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 Governor
2 and requires the Governor to appoint a Director of the Office. **Section 3** authorizes the
3 Director to adopt regulations and to apply for grants and accept gifts, grants and donations on
4 behalf of the Office. **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill require the Director to: (1) advise the
5 Governor and each agency of the Executive Department of the State Government on all
6 matters relating to the formulation and implementation of policies, programs and procedures
7 affecting immigrants in this State; and (2) ensure that the Office performs certain duties.
8 **Section 5** of this bill requires, under certain circumstances, each agency, board, commission,
9 department, officer, employee or agent of this State or a political subdivision of this State to
10 provide assistance to the Office.

11 **Section 6** of this bill requires each regulatory body to create an online resource for
12 immigrants that provides information on how to obtain a license to practice each occupation
13 or profession which the regulatory body regulates. Existing law defines the term “license” to
14 mean “any license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization issued by a
15 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 thereto the
2 provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

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

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

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

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

15 **4.** *The Director may:*

16 **(a)** *Adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of*
17 *sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.*

18 **(b)** *Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations*
19 *for the support of the Office and its activities pursuant to sections 2 to 5,*
20 *inclusive, of this act.*

21 **Sec. 4.** *The Director of the Office for New Americans created by section 3*
22 *of this act shall ensure that the Office:*

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

26 **(a)** *Relates to professional licensing, registration, permitting or similar types*
27 *of authorization issued by a regulatory body;*

28 **(b)** *Connects immigrants to entrepreneurial and other business resources*
29 *and workforce development training and programs; and*

30 **(c)** *Assists immigrants in areas relating to quality of life, including, without*
31 *limitation, education, housing and health care.*

32 **2.** *Reviews and analyzes the policies and programs of state agencies relating*
33 *to immigrants and makes recommendations to the Governor on such policies and*
34 *programs, including, without limitation, the elimination of duplication in existing*
35 *state programs.*

36 **3.** *Provides information and assistance relating to issues affecting*
37 *immigrants to state agencies, both directly and by serving as a clearinghouse for*
38 *information received from state agencies, other departments of the State*
39 *Government, political subdivisions of this State, any other state or the Federal*
40 *Government.*

41 **4.** *Engages in state and federal advocacy and makes recommendations*
42 *concerning law and policy affecting immigrants to advance economic and*
43 *population growth in this State.*

44 **5.** *Develops sustainable partnerships with community foundations and*
45 *other nonprofit and private sector entities that serve immigrant communities in*
46 *this State.*

47 **6.** *Coordinates with:*

48 **(a)** *Refugee resettlement agencies in this State to identify gaps in programs*
49 *provided by those agencies; and*

1 ***(b) State agencies to assist in efforts to resettle, integrate and assimilate***
2 ***refugees in this State.***

3 **Sec. 5. *Each agency, board, commission, department, officer, employee or***
4 ***agent of this State or a political subdivision of this State shall provide the Office***
5 ***for New Americans created by section 3 of this act or any representative of the***
6 ***Office such assistance as the functions and operations of the Office may require***
7 ***if that assistance is within the scope of duties of the person or entity.***

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

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

13 **Sec. 7.** ~~[This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the~~
14 ~~purposes of appointment, employment of staff, adopting regulations and performing~~
15 ~~any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the~~
16 ~~provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.] **(Deleted by**
17 **amendment.)**~~