

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2500

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to providing services to homeless persons.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 67.1100, to read as follows:

67.1100. 1. There is hereby established a "Text-to-Donate" pilot program in any city not located within a county and any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county. Each such city shall create a fund within the city treasury to receive funds that are specifically designated for the purpose of reducing the number of homeless persons in the city.

2. Any city that creates a text-to-donate fund pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall provide a telephone number by which a person may donate to the fund by sending a text message to the designated telephone number.

3. Any city that creates a text-to-donate fund shall be entrusted with the administration and promotion of, donations to, and distributions from the fund. Distributions from the fund shall only be used to pay for services intended to reduce the city's population of homeless persons.

4. The general assembly shall make a one-time appropriation to each city described under subsection 1 of this section in an amount sufficient for each city to provide initial signage promoting its newly created text-to-donate fund. The signage shall be placed in areas that have a high population of homeless persons. Any further expenditures by a city to promote its text-to-donate fund shall be paid out of the fund.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.