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SENATE BILL NO. 544

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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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
2 section, to be known as section 67.1100, to read as follows:

**67.1100. 1. There is hereby established a "Text-to-Donate" pilot
2 program in any city not located within a county and any home rule city
3 with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more
4 than one county. Each such city shall create a fund within the city
5 treasury to receive funds that are specifically designated for the
6 purpose of reducing the number of homeless persons, as defined in
7 subdivision (5) of section 67.1062, in the city which created the fund.**

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

**12 3. Any city that has created a text-to-donate fund shall be
13 entrusted with the administration and promotion, or donations to, and
14 distribution from the fund. Distributions from such fund shall only be
15 to pay for services which are aimed at reducing that city's population
16 of homeless persons.**

**17 4. The general assembly shall make a one-time appropriation to
18 each city in a sufficient amount to authorize each city to provide initial
19 signage promoting a newly created text-to-donate fund. The signage
20 shall be placed in areas that have a high population of homeless
21 persons. Any further expenditures by a city to promote the pilot**

22 **program within such city shall be paid out of the fund created by such**
23 **city.**

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