



1 C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section  
2 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a  
3 fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the  
4 county jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine  
5 and imprisonment. However, a person who commits a first violation  
6 of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation may not be  
7 issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered to them by  
8 the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but is not  
9 limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or other place  
10 where resources are made available to assist the indigent and  
11 homeless.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/02/2024 - DO PASS.  
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