

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 140—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S STUDY OF
THE CARE AND COMMITMENT OF MENTALLY ILL)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Clarifies provisions governing testimony that may be considered in proceeding for involuntary court-ordered admission of mentally ill person to mental health facility. (BDR 39-171)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to mentally ill persons; clarifying the provisions governing the testimony that may be considered in a proceeding for the involuntary court-ordered admission of a mentally ill person to a mental health facility; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 433A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 433A.280 In proceedings for involuntary court-ordered admission, the
3 court shall hear and consider all relevant testimony, including, but not
4 limited to, the testimony of examining personnel who participated in the
5 evaluation of the person alleged to be mentally ill and the certificates of
6 physicians or certified psychologists accompanying the petition. *The court*
7 *may consider testimony relating to any past actions of the person alleged*
8 *to be mentally ill if such testimony is probative of the question of whether*
9 *the person is presently mentally ill and presents a clear and present*
10 *danger of harm to himself or others.*

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