

Assembly Bill No. 176–Committee on Ways and Means

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to state financial administration; making appropriations to the benefit services fund from the state general fund and the state highway fund; suspending indefinitely the operation of the Committee on Benefits and transferring its powers and duties to the Governor; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the benefit services fund, created pursuant to NRS 287.0435, the sum of \$9,000,000 for anticipated expenses of the fund for fiscal year 1999.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the state highway fund to the benefit services fund, created pursuant to NRS 287.0435, the sum of \$1,000,000 for anticipated expenses of the fund for fiscal year 1999.

Sec. 3. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 287.041 to 287.049, inclusive, to the contrary, the operation of the Committee on Benefits, created by NRS 287.041, is hereby indefinitely suspended and the committee shall not transact any business or hold any meetings after the effective date of this act.

2. On and after the effective date of this act, the Governor, or his designee, shall administer the provisions of NRS 287.041 to 287.049, inclusive. For this purpose, the Governor or his designee are hereby granted all powers necessary and proper to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the plan of self-insurance for state officers and employees and all other programs and benefits authorized by NRS 287.041 to 287.049, inclusive, and shall act on behalf of the Committee on Benefits in all matters relating to any contracts or other matters to which the committee is a party.

3. The State of Nevada is liable for indemnification of the Governor and his designee against liability relating to the administration of the state's program of group insurance, subject to the limitations specified in NRS 41.0349.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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