

Assembly Bill No. 489—Assemblymen Gibbons, Segerblom, Goldwater, Marvel, Berman, Hettrick, Cegavske, Humke, Chowning, Beers, de Braga, Von Tobel, Collins, Carpenter, Mortenson and Leslie

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to occupational safety and health; requiring the administrator of the division of industrial relations of the department of business and industry to establish a section for enforcement and a section for safety and health consultation, education, information and training within the division; requiring those sections to perform certain duties; 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. Chapter 618 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The administrator shall establish:

(a) Within the division a section for:

(1) Enforcement; and

(2) Safety and health consultation, education, information and training.

(b) Such duties, in addition to the duties described in subsections 2 and 3, as he deems necessary for the sections established pursuant to paragraph (a).

2. If authorized by the Secretary of Labor, the section for enforcement shall develop a program for small employers to eliminate or abate hazards to the safety and health of employees. Except as otherwise provided by federal law, if a small employer complies with the program for small employers, the section for enforcement may reduce any penalty, fine or interest imposed pursuant to this chapter.

3. The section for safety and health consultation, education, information and training shall establish:

(a) A toll-free telephone number within this state to provide advice to a small employer who seeks assistance in complying with the requirements of this chapter; and

(b) A program designed to assist a small employer in complying with the requirements of this chapter, including, as appropriate, the preparation and dissemination of pamphlets describing the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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