

SENATE BILL NO. 142—SENATOR RAWSON

FEBRUARY 8, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Nevada for education, training and support of persons caring for family members with serious brain disorders. (BDR S-896)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Nevada for the education, training and support of persons caring for family members with serious brain disorders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, Approximately 48 percent of all persons with serious brain
- 2 disorders are supported and cared for by members of their family; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Alarming statistics indicate that approximately 9,000 persons
- 4 with serious brain disorders in the State of Nevada are not receiving
- 5 treatment; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Nevada is a nonprofit
- 7 organization that has successfully conducted the volunteer program
- 8 “Family to Family” in an effort to educate families about the problems
- 9 associated with mental illness and to provide methods for coping with and
- 10 managing the behavior of family members with serious brain disorders; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Because of the success of the program “Family to Family,”
- 12 the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Nevada has received an increased
- 13 number of calls for help but has not had the necessary resources to provide
- 14 that support to the many families who are struggling to cope with the daily
- 15 stress and frustration involved in caring for a person with a serious brain
- 16 disorder; now, therefore,

1 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
2 REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO
3 ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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5 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
6 the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Nevada the sum of \$75,000 for the
7 expenses involved in the training of volunteers, the coordination of the
8 "Family to Family" program and evaluation of its success, and for the
9 installation of a toll-free telephone number for persons to call who need
10 help regarding caring for a family member with a serious brain disorder.

11 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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