### SENATE BILL NO. 374–SENATOR SCHNEIDER

## MARCH 11, 1999

#### Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing associations of self-insured public and private employers. (BDR 53-1171)

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 [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to associations of self-insured public and private employers; eliminating the prohibition against an association's administrator and its third-party administrator having a financial relationship or being employed by one another; eliminating the prohibition against an association's administrator performing the duties of the third-party administrator; eliminating the requirement that a person who solicits memberships for an association obtain a permit from the commissioner of insurance; 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.** NRS 616B.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 616B.365 1. An association of self-insured public or private
- 3 employers must be operated by a board of trustees consisting of at least five
- 4 members whom the members of the association elect for terms set forth in
- 5 the bylaws of the association. If the association is an association of self-
- 6 insured:
- 7 (a) Public employers, the members of the board of trustees must be
- 8 officers or employees of the public employers who are members of the
- 9 association.
- (b) Private employers, at least two-thirds of the members of the board of
- trustees must be employees, officers or directors of the members of the
- 12 association. No association's administrator or third-party administrator
- employed by the association, or any owner, officer, employee or other
- person affiliated with the association's administrator or third-party
- 15 administrator, may serve as a member of the board of trustees. Each

member of the board of trustees must be a resident of this state or an officer of a corporation authorized to do business in this state.

- 2. The board of trustees of an association shall:
- (a) Ensure the prompt payment of any compensation due pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, or chapter 617 of NRS.
- (b) Take such actions as are necessary to protect the assets of the association.
- 8 (c) Employ full time an association's administrator to carry out the 9 policies of the board of trustees and perform such duties as the board 10 delegates to him. [An association's administrator shall not perform any of 11 the duties assigned to a third party administrator.]
- (d) Employ a third-party administrator to carry out the duties set forth in NRS 616B.503.
- 14 (e) Employ an independent certified public accountant to prepare the statement of financial condition required by NRS 616B.404.
- (f) Maintain minutes of its meetings and make the minutes available for inspection by the commissioner.
  - 3. The board of trustees of an association shall not:
- 19 (a) Extend credit to any member of the association for the payment of 20 that member's annual assessment, except pursuant to a payment plan 21 approved by the commissioner.
- 22 (b) Borrow any money from the association or in the name of the 23 association, except in the ordinary course of its business, without the prior 24 approval of the commissioner.
- 25 **Sec. 2.** NRS 616A.315, 616B.371, 616B.374, 616B.377, 616B.380
- and 616B.383 are hereby repealed.

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Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

#### LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

616A.315 "Solicitor" defined.

616B.371 Association's administrator prohibited from financial interest in third-party administrator; third-party administrator prohibited from financial interest in association's administrator; contractual requirement.

616B.374 Solicitor's permit: Advertising or offering for sale membership in proposed association of self-insured public or private employers without permit prohibited; application for permit; fee; penalty; exceptions.

616B.377 Solicitor's permit: Commissioner to conduct investigation after filing of application for permit; required issuance of permit; commissioner to give notice to applicant if application denied; fee nonrefundable.

616B.380 Solicitor's permit: Power of commissioner to suspend or revoke permit; hearing required.

616B.383 Advertisements or written materials to join association of self-insured public or private employers; solicitor to provide to commissioner upon request copy of document relating to solicitation.

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