

Senate Bill No. 73—Committee on Finance

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to mental health; allowing a second evaluation requested by a client who is admitted to a mental health facility to be conducted by a psychiatrist or psychologist who does not have a contractual relationship with or financial interest in the facility; 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 433.472 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.472 1. Each client admitted for evaluation, treatment or training to a facility has the following rights concerning involuntary commitment to the facility, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of the client by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:

(a) To request and receive a second evaluation by a psychiatrist or psychologist who does not have a contractual ~~or business~~ relationship with *or financial interest in* the facility. The evaluation must:

(1) Include, without limitation, a recommendation of whether the client should be involuntarily committed to the facility; and

(2) Be paid for by the client if the insurance carrier of the client refuses to pay for the evaluation.

(b) To receive a copy of the procedure of the facility regarding involuntary commitment and treatment.

(c) To receive a list of his rights concerning involuntary commitment or treatment.

2. If the results of an evaluation conducted by a psychiatrist or psychologist pursuant to subsection 1 conflicts in any manner with the results of an evaluation conducted by the facility, the facility may request and receive a third evaluation of the client to resolve the conflicting portions of the previous evaluations.

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