

SENATE BILL NO. 73—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 1, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Allows second evaluation requested by client admitted to mental health facility to be conducted by psychiatrist or psychologist who does not have contractual relationship with or financial interest in facility. (BDR 39-21)

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 ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 433.472 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 433.472 1. Each client admitted for evaluation, treatment or training
3 to a facility has the following rights concerning involuntary commitment to
4 the facility, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities
5 providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of
6 the client by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:
7 (a) To request and receive a second evaluation by a psychiatrist or
8 psychologist who does not have a contractual ~~for business~~ relationship
9 with ***or financial interest in*** the facility. The evaluation must:
10 (1) Include, without limitation, a recommendation of whether the
11 client should be involuntarily committed to the facility; and
12 (2) Be paid for by the client if the insurance carrier of the client
13 refuses to pay for the evaluation.
14 (b) To receive a copy of the procedure of the facility regarding
15 involuntary commitment and treatment.
16 (c) To receive a list of his rights concerning involuntary commitment or
17 treatment.

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

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