

SENATE BILL NO. 97—SENATOR WIENER

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises composition of commission on mental health and mental retardation.
(BDR 18-1166)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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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 the commission on mental health and mental retardation; revising the composition of the commission to include a marriage and family therapist; 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 232.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 232.303 1. There is hereby created in the department a commission
3 on mental health and mental retardation consisting of ~~seven~~ ***eight***
4 members appointed by the governor, at least three of whom have training or
5 experience in dealing with mental retardation.
6 2. The governor shall appoint:
7 (a) A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this state, from a list
8 of three candidates submitted by the Nevada Psychiatric Association;
9 (b) A psychologist licensed to practice in this state and experienced in
10 clinical practice, from a list of four candidates, two of whom are submitted
11 by the Northern Nevada Association for Certified Psychologists and two of
12 whom are submitted by the Southern Society for Certified Psychologists;
13 (c) A physician, other than a psychiatrist, licensed to practice medicine
14 in this state and who has experience in dealing with mental retardation,
15 from a list of three candidates submitted by the Nevada State Medical
16 Association;
17 (d) A social worker who has a master's degree and has experience in
18 dealing with mental illness or mental retardation, or both;

1 (e) A registered nurse licensed to practice in this state who has
2 experience in dealing with mental illness or mental retardation, or both,
3 from a list of three candidates submitted by the Nevada Nurses Association;

4 (f) ***A marriage and family therapist licensed to practice in this state,***
5 ***from a list of three candidates submitted by the Nevada Association for***
6 ***Marriage and Family Therapy;***

7 (g) A representative of the general public who has a special interest in
8 the field of mental health; and

9 ~~(g)~~ (h) A representative of the general public who has a special interest
10 in the field of mental retardation.

11 3. The governor shall appoint the chairman of the commission from
12 among its members.

13 4. After the initial terms, each member shall serve a term of 4 years. If
14 a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the governor shall appoint a
15 person qualified under this section to replace that member for the
16 remainder of the unexpired term.