

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Urges Bureau of Licensure and Certification of Health Division of Department of Human Resources to make its published survey of certain long-term care facilities more accessible and easier to understand. (BDR R-484)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Bureau of Licensure and Certification of the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources to publish its survey of certain long-term care facilities in a manner that it is more accessible and easier for consumers to understand.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Licensure and Certification of the Health
- 2 Division of the Department of Human Resources is required by federal law
- 3 to survey nursing facilities funded by Medicaid and skilled nursing
- 4 facilities funded by Medicare to determine whether the facilities continue
- 5 to meet the requirements for participation in the Medicaid and Medicare
- 6 programs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Such surveys must include, without limitation, an evaluation
- 8 of the quality of care provided to residents of the facilities, as measured by
- 9 medical, nursing and rehabilitative care, services related to diet and
- 10 nutrition, opportunities to participate in social activities, sanitation, control
- 11 of infection and the physical environment; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Licensure and Certification is required by
- 13 federal law to make certain information concerning the surveys of nursing
- 14 facilities funded by Medicaid and skilled nursing facilities funded by
- 15 Medicare available upon request to the public; and

1 WHEREAS, Information and data collected through the surveys,
2 including, without limitation, information concerning the quality of care
3 furnished to residents of such facilities, is useful to consumers in choosing
4 a nursing facility for themselves or their loved ones when it is available in
5 convenient locations and in a format that is clear and comprehensible to a
6 layperson who has limited experience with skilled and unskilled nursing
7 facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, The information and data collected through the surveys is
9 currently not available in convenient locations or provided to the public in
10 a manner that is easy to understand and use in making decisions
11 concerning long-term care; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
13 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby encourages the Bureau
14 of Licensure and Certification of the Health Division of the Department of
15 Human Resources to make the results of its survey of nursing facilities and
16 skilled nursing facilities available to the public in a format that is clear and
17 easily understandable to ensure that the results of the survey will assist
18 consumers in choosing and evaluating nursing facilities; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Bureau of Licensure and Certification of the
20 Health Division of the Department of Human Resources is hereby
21 encouraged to make the results of its survey of nursing facilities and
22 skilled nursing facilities available at locations that are easily accessible to
23 consumers of long-term care, including, without limitation, senior centers;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a
26 copy of this resolution to the Chief of the Bureau of Licensure and
27 Certification of the Health Division of the Department of Human
28 Resources.