

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Committee on

Human Resources and Facilities

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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.

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Licensure and Certification of the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources is required by federal law to survey nursing facilities funded by Medicaid and skilled nursing facilities funded by Medicare to determine whether the facilities continue to meet the requirements for participation in the Medicaid and Medicare programs; and

WHEREAS, Such surveys must include, without limitation, an evaluation of the quality of care provided to residents of the facilities, as measured by medical, nursing and rehabilitative care, services related to diet and nutrition, opportunities to participate in social activities, sanitation, control of infection and the physical environment; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Licensure and Certification is required by federal law to make certain information concerning the surveys of nursing facilities funded by Medicaid and skilled nursing facilities funded by Medicare available upon request to the public; and

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

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

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

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

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

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