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AN ACT relating to state employees; changing the circumstances under which the governor or the head of a state agency may issue an award for public service to a state employee; requiring the state board of examiners to prescribe a maximum amount of money that may be spent on such an award; 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 285.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

285.010 As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Adoption” means the putting of an employee suggestion into effect.

2. “Board” means the merit award board.

3. “Employee suggestion” means a proposal by a state employee which would:

(a) Reduce or eliminate state expenditures; or

(b) Improve the operation of state government.

4. ~~“Longevity award” means a suitable symbol, other than money, of continuous and faithful service in state government for a period of 5, 10, 20, 30 or 40 years by a state employee.~~

~~—5.—~~ “Merit award” means an award to a state employee for an adopted suggestion in the form of either the governor’s certificate of commendation or a cash payment.

~~16.1~~ 5. “State employee” means any person employed by a state agency who is not the head of the department.

Sec. 2. NRS 285.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

285.080 1. The governor or head of a state agency may present ~~Longevity~~ *service* awards to state employees if:

~~11.1~~ (a) The cost of each award does not exceed ~~the amount established by the state board of examiners;~~ *the amount* and

~~12.1~~ (b) The office of the governor or the agency has sufficient funds available for such awards.

2. *The state board of examiners shall establish by regulation a maximum amount of money that the governor or the head of a state agency may spend on a service award pursuant to this section.*

3. *As used in this section, “service award” means a suitable symbol, other than money, for faithful and exceptional public service.*

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.