

SENATE BILL NO. 239—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION—BUDGET DIVISION)

FEBRUARY 23, 2001

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning provision of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services for senior citizens. (BDR 40-1318)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 public health; requiring the department of human resources to arrange for the availability of a basic policy of health insurance for each senior citizen who participates in the program of subsidies for the provision of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services to senior citizens; authorizing the department of human resources to arrange for the availability of more than one type of policy of health insurance for senior citizens who participate in the program; increasing the maximum allowable subsidies for senior citizens who participate in the program; 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 439.665 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 439.665 1. The department shall enter into contracts with private
3 insurers who transact health insurance in this state to arrange for the
4 availability, at a reasonable cost, of policies of health insurance that
5 provide coverage to senior citizens for prescription drugs and
6 pharmaceutical services. *In arranging for the availability of such policies*
7 *of health insurance, the department:*
8 (a) *Shall arrange for the availability of a basic policy of health*
9 *insurance that provides such coverage; and*
10 (b) *May arrange for the availability of more than one type of policy of*
11 *health insurance that provides such coverage.*
12 2. Within the limits of the money available for this purpose in the fund
13 for a healthy Nevada, a senior citizen who is not eligible for Medicaid and
14 who purchases ~~that~~ *any* policy of health insurance that is made available
15 pursuant to subsection 1 is entitled to an annual grant from the trust fund to



1 subsidize *all or* a portion of the cost of that insurance if he has been
2 domiciled in this state for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of
3 his application and his household income is within one of the income
4 ranges for which grants are provided pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ *section*.

5 *3. A senior citizen described in subsection 2 who purchases the basic*
6 *policy of health insurance is entitled to an annual grant* to the extent
7 determined by the percentage shown opposite his household income on the
8 following schedule:

Amount of Household		Percent of	
Income Is Over	But Not Over	Cost of Insurance	Allowable
		as a Subsidy	
\$0	— \$12,700	100	<i>100</i>
12,700	— 14,800	80	<i>90</i>
14,800	— 17,000	50	<i>80</i>
17,000	— 19,100	25	<i>50</i>
19,100	— 21,500	10	<i>25</i>

17 ~~3-~~ 4. The amount of any subsidy granted pursuant to this section
18 ~~must~~;

19 (a) *Must* not exceed the annual cost of *the basic policy of health*
20 insurance that provides coverage for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical
21 services ~~for \$480 per year, whichever is less~~; and

22 (b) *Must be calculated as if the senior citizen for whom the subsidy is*
23 *provided had purchased the basic policy of health insurance, regardless*
24 *of the type of policy that the senior citizen actually purchased.*

25 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

