

Senate Bill No. 318—Senators Raggio, Rawson, O'Donnell, Neal, Washington, Jacobsen, Care, Coffin, James, Mathews, McGinness, Porter, Rhoads, Shaffer, Titus, Wiener, Carlton, Schneider and Townsend

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to cancer; creating the task force on prostate cancer; prescribing its powers and duties; 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. Chapter 457 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, "task force" means the task force on prostate cancer created pursuant to section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. *1. The task force on prostate cancer, consisting of 11 members, is hereby created. The task force consists of:*

(a) The following ex officio members:

(1) The chief executive officer of Family to Family: Americans for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Support;

(2) The Nevada director of Us Too International, Inc.; and

(3) The executive officer of the public employees' benefit program; and

(b) The following members appointed by the governor:

(1) Two members who are physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS;

(2) One member who is an officer or employee of the University and Community College System of Nevada;

(3) One member who is an employee of the bureau of disease control and intervention of the health division;

(4) One member who has had prostate cancer;

(5) One member who is related to a person who has had prostate cancer; and

(6) Two members who are representatives of business.

2. If Family to Family: Americans for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Support or Us Too International, Inc., ceases to exist, the highest officer or person in charge of any successor organization shall serve as the ex officio member required by subparagraph (1) or (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or, if there is no successor organization, the governor shall appoint a person to serve pursuant to the applicable subparagraph.

3. Vacancies of members appointed to the task force must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

4. The task force shall annually submit a report concerning its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmittal to the legislature.

Sec. 4. *1. The member of the task force described in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act shall serve as chairman during even-numbered years and the member described in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act shall serve as chairman during the odd-numbered years.*

2. *The members of the task force shall meet at least four times each year and at the call of the chairman. The task force shall prescribe regulations for its management and government.*

3. *Six members of the task force constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on the task force.*

4. *After the initial terms, the term of each appointed member of the task force is 4 years. The governor shall not appoint a member to serve more than two terms.*

5. *The members of the task force serve without compensation and are not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or travel expenses.*

6. *The members of the task force who are state employees must be relieved from their duties without loss of their regular compensation to perform their duties relating to the task force in the most timely manner practicable. The state employees may not be required to make up the time they are absent from work to fulfill their obligations as members of the task force or take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.*

Sec. 5. *The task force may:*

1. *Compile research and information concerning prostate cancer.*

2. *Identify and evaluate the methods used by the state and local governments to increase the awareness of the general public concerning the risk, treatment and prevention of prostate cancer.*

3. *Identify and evaluate methods to improve communication among institutions and other entities in this state that are involved in the research and treatment of prostate cancer.*

4. *Identify and evaluate methods to increase funding for institutions and other entities in this state that are involved in cancer research.*

5. *Identify and evaluate methods to increase the number of men in this state who are regularly tested for the presence of prostate cancer.*

6. *Identify and evaluate methods to increase the awareness and education of the general public concerning prostate cancer.*

7. *Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations to assist the task force in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.*

Sec. 6. *The director of the department of human resources shall provide the personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies required by the task force to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.*

Sec. 7. *As soon as practicable after July 1, 2001, the governor shall appoint to the task force on prostate cancer created by section 3 of this act:*

1. *Four members whose terms expire on June 30, 2004.*

2. *Four members whose terms expire on June 30, 2005.*

Sec. 8. *This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.*