SENATE BILL NO. 341-COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

(ON BEHALF OF LONG-TERM CARE IN NEVADA (SCR 4))

MARCH 14, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires Aging Services Division of Department of Human Resources to conduct study of feasibility of establishing program for assisted living for certain low-income persons. (BDR S-303)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material; is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to long-term care; requiring the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a program for assisted living for low-income persons who are eligible for Medicaid; making an appropriation; 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.** 1. The Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a program for assisted living for low-income persons who are eligible for Medicaid.
 - 2. The study must include, without limitation:

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- (a) An evaluation of the feasibility of obtaining a waiver from the Federal Government to establish such a program within the Medicaid program;
- (b) An evaluation of the feasibility of obtaining an amendment to a waiver for the Community Home-Based Initiatives Program to establish such a program within the Medicaid program;
- (c) An analysis of the availability of financing for the construction of facilities for assisted living, including financing from federal programs for housing;
- (d) An analysis of the effects such a program would have on the Medicaid budget of the Department of Human Resources for long-term care and on other programs of the department that provide long-term care;



(e) An analysis of the types of services that would be offered by such a 2 program and the requirements for receiving those services; and

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- (f) An analysis of the availability of suitable locations for the
- construction of facilities for assisted living.
 3. The Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources shall, not later than October 1, 2002, submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature.
- Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources the sum of \$100,000 to conduct the study required by section 1 of this act. The Aging Services Division may use the money appropriated to hire consultants to assist the division in conducting the study.
- 14 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 of 15 this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money 16 17 committed have been made.
- **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. 18



