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SENATE BILL NO. 394—SENATOR RAGGIO

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to practice of nursing. (BDR 54-1136)

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 nursing; prohibiting the state board of nursing or an employer of a nurse from requiring the inclusion of the surname of the nurse on the badge or other form of identification worn by the nurse while on duty; requiring the employers of licensees and nursing assistants to prepare and maintain records of the work assignments of those licensees and nursing assistants for a certain period; revising the provisions governing the filing of complaints with the state board of nursing; 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.** Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** *The board, or a medical facility or any other person who*
4 *employs a licensee, shall not require a licensee while on duty, to wear a*
5 *badge or other form of identification that includes the surname of the*
6 *licensee.*
- 7 **Sec. 3.** *Each employer of a licensee or nursing assistant shall*
8 *prepare and maintain, for at least 5 years, a record of the work*
9 *assignments of each licensee or nursing assistant.*
- 10 **Sec. 4.** NRS 632.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 632.125 1. Each hospital or agency in the state employing
12 professional or practical nurses or nursing assistants shall submit a list of
13 such nursing personnel to the board at least three times annually as directed
14 by the board. *Each list submitted to the board pursuant to this subsection*
15 *is confidential.*
- 16 2. A medical facility shall, before hiring a nursing assistant or nursing
17 assistant trainee, obtain validation from the board that the prospective
18 employee has a current certificate, is enrolled in a training program
19 required for certification or is awaiting the results of a certification
20 examination.



1 **Sec. 5.** NRS 632.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 632.310 1. The board may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the
3 verified complaint in writing of any person, if the complaint alone or
4 together with evidence, documentary or otherwise, presented in connection
5 therewith, is sufficient to require an investigation, investigate the actions of
6 any licensee or holder of a certificate or any person who assumes to act as
7 a licensee or holder of a certificate within the State of Nevada.
8 2. The executive director may, upon receipt of information from a
9 governmental agency, conduct an investigation to determine whether the
10 information is sufficient to require an investigation for referral to the board
11 for its consideration.
12 3. *If a written verified complaint filed with the board does not*
13 *include the complete name of the licensee or nursing assistant against*
14 *whom the complaint is filed, and the board is unable to identify the*
15 *licensee or nursing assistant, the board shall request that the employer of*
16 *the licensee or nursing assistant provide to the board the complete name*
17 *of the licensee or nursing assistant. The employer shall provide the name*
18 *to the board within 3 business days after the request is made.*
19 4. *The employer of a licensee or nursing assistant shall provide to*
20 *the board, upon its request, the record of the work assignments of any*
21 *licensee or nursing assistant whose actions are under investigation by the*
22 *board.*
23 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

