

SENATE BILL NO. 483—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires state board of health to license mobile medical facilities.
(BDR 40-1482)

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

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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 medical facilities; requiring the state board of health to adopt regulations for the licensure of mobile units as medical facilities; 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 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***“Mobile unit” means a motor vehicle that is:***
4 ***1. Specially designed, constructed and equipped to provide for the***
5 ***diagnosis, care and treatment of human diseases; and***
6 ***2. Licensed by the board as a medical facility.***
7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 449.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 449.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,
9 the words and terms defined in NRS 449.0015 to 449.019, inclusive, and
10 ***section 1 of this act*** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 449.0151 is hereby amended to read as follows:
12 449.0151 “Medical facility” includes:
13 1. A surgical center for ambulatory patients;
14 2. An obstetric center;
15 3. An independent center for emergency medical care;
16 4. An agency to provide nursing in the home;
17 5. A facility for intermediate care;
18 6. A facility for skilled nursing;
19 7. A facility for hospice care;
20 8. A hospital;
21 9. A psychiatric hospital;



- 1 10. A facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease;
- 2 11. A rural clinic;
- 3 12. A nursing pool; ~~and~~
- 4 13. A facility for modified medical detoxification ~~and~~; *and*
- 5 *14. A mobile unit.*

6 **Sec. 4.** NRS 449.037 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 449.037 1. The board shall adopt:

8 (a) Licensing standards for each class of medical facility or facility for
9 the dependent covered by NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, and for
10 programs of hospice care.

11 (b) Regulations governing the licensing of such facilities and programs.

12 (c) Regulations governing the procedure and standards for granting an
13 extension of the time for which a natural person may provide certain care
14 in his home without being considered a residential facility for groups
15 pursuant to NRS 449.017. The regulations must require that such grants are
16 effective only if made in writing.

17 (d) Any other regulations as it deems necessary or convenient to carry
18 out the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive.

19 2. The board shall adopt separate regulations governing the licensing
20 and operation of:

21 (a) Facilities for the care of adults during the day; and

22 (b) Residential facilities for groups,
23 which provide care to persons with Alzheimer's disease.

24 3. The board shall adopt separate regulations for the licensure of rural
25 hospitals which take into consideration the unique problems of operating
26 such a facility in a rural area.

27 4. *The board shall adopt separate regulations for the licensure of*
28 *mobile units which take into consideration the unique factors of*
29 *operating a facility that is not in a fixed location.*

30 5. The board shall require that the practices and policies of each
31 medical facility or facility for the dependent provide adequately for the
32 protection of the health, safety and physical, moral and mental well-being
33 of each person accommodated in the facility.

34 ~~5.1~~ 6. The board shall establish minimum qualifications for
35 administrators and employees of residential facilities for groups. In
36 establishing the qualifications, the board shall consider the related
37 standards set by nationally recognized organizations which accredit such
38 facilities.

39 ~~6.1~~ 7. The board shall adopt separate regulations regarding the
40 assistance which may be given pursuant to NRS 453.375 and 454.213 to an
41 ultimate user of controlled substances or dangerous drugs by employees of
42 residential facilities for groups. The regulations must require at least the
43 following conditions before such assistance may be given:

44 (a) The ultimate user's physical and mental condition is stable and is
45 following a predictable course.

46 (b) The amount of the medication prescribed is at a maintenance level
47 and does not require a daily assessment.

48 (c) A written plan of care by a physician or registered nurse has been
49 established that:



1 (1) Addresses possession and assistance in the administration of the
2 medication; and

3 (2) Includes a plan, which has been prepared under the supervision of
4 a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist, for emergency intervention if an
5 adverse condition results.

6 (d) The prescribed medication is not administered by injection or
7 intravenously.

8 (e) The employee has successfully completed training and examination
9 approved by the health division regarding the authorized manner of
10 assistance.

11 ~~7.1~~ 8. The board shall, if it determines necessary, adopt regulations
12 and requirements to ensure that each residential facility for groups and its
13 staff are prepared to respond to an emergency, including, without
14 limitation:

15 (a) The adoption of plans to respond to a natural disaster and other types
16 of emergency situations, including, without limitation, an emergency
17 involving fire;

18 (b) The adoption of plans to provide for the evacuation of a residential
19 facility for groups in an emergency, including, without limitation, plans to
20 ensure that nonambulatory patients may be evacuated;

21 (c) Educating the residents of residential facilities for groups concerning
22 the plans adopted pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b); and

23 (d) Posting the plans or a summary of the plans adopted pursuant to
24 paragraphs (a) and (b) in a conspicuous place in each residential facility for
25 groups.

26 **Sec. 5.** NRS 449.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 449.230 1. Any authorized member or employee of the health
28 division may enter and inspect any building or premises at any time to
29 secure compliance with or prevent a violation of any provision of NRS
30 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive.

31 2. The state fire marshal or his designee shall, upon receiving a request
32 from the health division or a written complaint concerning compliance with
33 the plans and requirements to respond to an emergency adopted pursuant to
34 subsection ~~7.1~~ 8 of NRS 449.037:

35 (a) Enter and inspect a residential facility for groups; and

36 (b) Make recommendations regarding the adoption of plans and
37 requirements pursuant to subsection ~~7.1~~ 8 of NRS 449.037,
38 to ensure the safety of the residents of the facility in an emergency.

39 3. The state health officer or his designee shall enter and inspect at
40 least annually each building or the premises of a residential facility for
41 groups to ensure compliance with standards for health and sanitation.

42 4. An authorized member or employee of the health division shall
43 enter and inspect any building or premises operated by a residential facility
44 for groups within 72 hours after the health division is notified that a
45 residential facility for groups is operating without a license.

46 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

