
SENATE BILL NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

PREFILED JANUARY 11, 2001

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

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to appoint subcommittee to continue study of long-term care in this state. (BDR S-300)

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 ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to long-term care; directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a subcommittee to continue the study of long-term care in this state; authorizing the subcommittee to appoint an advisory committee; requiring the subcommittee to employ a consultant; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislative Commission was directed by Senate
2 Concurrent Resolution No. 4 of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature
3 to appoint a subcommittee to conduct an interim study concerning long-
4 term care in this state; and

5 WHEREAS, The study was conducted during the 1999-2000 legislative
6 interim and it facilitated discussions among the members of the
7 subcommittee and national, state and local experts concerning a multitude
8 of issues relating to long-term care in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, Because of the number and complexity of issues addressed
10 by the subcommittee, the subcommittee concluded that a second phase of
11 discussion, oversight and consideration of those issues was necessary to
12 ensure significant improvements in long-term care in this state; now,
13 therefore,

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15 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
16 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a
2 subcommittee, consisting of three members of the Senate and three
3 members of the Assembly, to continue the study of long-term care in this
4 state.

5 2. The members of the subcommittee:

6 (a) Shall employ a consultant who has special expertise in the areas of
7 the study to assist the subcommittee in carrying out its duties; and

8 (b) May appoint an advisory committee, consisting of persons who are
9 knowledgeable in the areas of the study, to consult with and to assist the
10 subcommittee in carrying out its duties.

11 3. If the subcommittee appoints an advisory committee pursuant to
12 subsection 2:

13 (a) The chairman of the subcommittee shall designate one member of
14 the advisory committee to serve as chairman of the advisory committee;
15 and

16 (b) The members of the advisory committee serve without
17 compensation and are not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or travel
18 expenses.

19 4. The study must include, without limitation:

20 (a) A review and evaluation of the statutes and regulations in this state
21 relating to long-term care and a determination of whether and, if necessary,
22 the manner in which those statutes and regulations should be amended to
23 incorporate and define the types of services related to long-term care that
24 are available in this state, including, without limitation, a facility for
25 assisted living;

26 (b) The development of standards governing the provision of
27 nonmedical services related to long-term care and whether those services
28 are provided in a facility for long-term care or as part of home health care,
29 including, without limitation, standards governing:

30 (1) The procedures used to evaluate and monitor the quality of those
31 services; and

32 (2) The amount of training that a person who provides those services
33 is required to complete;

34 (c) An evaluation of a system of long-term care that integrates the
35 services related to long-term care that are provided in other states to allow
36 a person to access those services from a single point in the system and a
37 determination of the feasibility of using such a system in this state;

38 (d) The monitoring of the recommendations made by the subcommittee
39 appointed pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 of the 70th
40 session of the Nevada Legislature, and any legislation recommended by
41 that subcommittee and enacted by the 71st session of the Nevada
42 Legislature; and

43 (e) An evaluation of the feasibility of obtaining a waiver from the
44 Federal Government to integrate and coordinate services related to acute
45 care that are covered by Medicare and services related to long-term care
46 that are covered by Medicaid in this state.

1 5. Any recommended legislation proposed by the subcommittee must
2 be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of
3 the members of the Assembly appointed to the subcommittee.

4 6. The Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the results of
5 the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 72nd session of
6 the Nevada Legislature.

7 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
8 to the subcommittee appointed pursuant to section 1 of this act the sum of
9 \$26,900 for the services and cost of travel of the consultant employed by
10 the subcommittee pursuant to section 1 of this act.

11 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made pursuant to
12 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2002,
13 and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
14 committed have been made.

15 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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