

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 349—ASSEMBLYMEN OHRENSCHALL,  
CLABORN AND BUCKLEY

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning older Nevadans.  
(BDR 38-973)

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 older persons; requiring the Board of Medical  
Examiners and the State Board of Nursing to encourage  
licensees who treat or care for persons who are more than  
60 years of age to receive continuing education in  
geriatrics and gerontology; removing the limitation on the  
number of hearings that the Nevada Silver Haired  
Legislative Forum may hold; 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.** NRS 427A.380 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3     427A.380 ***1.*** The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum  
4 may, within the limits of legislative appropriations and any gifts,  
5 grants or donations received by the Forum:  
6     ~~1-1~~ ***(a)*** During the period in which the Legislature is not in a  
7 regular session, hold three public hearings in three different areas of  
8 this state and may hold ~~{an additional public hearing}~~ ***additional***  
9 ***public hearings*** in any area of this state . ~~{to prepare the report~~  
10 ~~authorized by NRS 427A.390.~~  
11 ~~—2. Comply}~~



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1       (b) *During the period in which the Legislature is in a regular*  
2 *session, meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the*  
3 *Forum.*

4       (c) *Form committees, which may meet as often as necessary to*  
5 *conduct the business of the Forum.*

6       2. *The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum and its*  
7 *committees shall comply with the provisions of* chapter 241 *of*  
8 *NRS.*

9       **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10       630.253 1. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the:

11       ~~(1)~~ (a) Renewal of a license as a physician assistant; or

12       ~~(2)~~ (b) Biennial registration of the holder of a license to  
13 practice medicine,

14 require each holder to comply with the requirements for continuing  
15 education adopted by the Board. These requirements may provide  
16 for the completion of one or more courses of instruction relating to  
17 risk management in the performance of medical services.

18       2. *The Board shall encourage each holder of a license who*  
19 *treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to*  
20 *receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in*  
21 *geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:*

22       (a) *The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address*  
23 *aging issues;*

24       (b) *Approaches to providing health care to older persons,*  
25 *including both didactic and clinical approaches;*

26       (c) *The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of*  
27 *the aging process; and*

28       (d) *The importance of maintenance of function and*  
29 *independence for older persons.*

30       **Sec. 3.** NRS 632.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31       632.343 1. The Board shall not renew any license issued  
32 under this chapter until the licensee has submitted proof satisfactory  
33 to the Board of completion, during the 2-year period before renewal  
34 of the license, of 30 hours in a program of continuing education  
35 approved by the Board. The licensee is exempt from this provision  
36 for the first biennial period after graduation from:

37       (a) An accredited school of professional nursing;

38       (b) An accredited school of practical nursing;

39       (c) An approved school of professional nursing in the process of  
40 obtaining accreditation; or

41       (d) An approved school of practical nursing in the process of  
42 obtaining accreditation.

43       2. The Board shall review all courses offered to nurses for the  
44 completion of the requirement set forth in subsection 1. The Board  
45 may approve nursing and other courses which are directly related to



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1 the practice of nursing as well as others which bear a reasonable  
2 relationship to current developments in the field of nursing or any  
3 special area of practice in which a licensee engages. These may  
4 include academic studies, workshops, extension studies, home study  
5 and other courses.

6 *3. The Board shall encourage each licensee who treats or*  
7 *cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to receive, as*  
8 *a portion of their continuing education, education in geriatrics*  
9 *and gerontology, including such topics as:*

10 *(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address*  
11 *aging issues;*

12 *(b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons,*  
13 *including both didactic and clinical approaches;*

14 *(c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of*  
15 *the aging process; and*

16 *(d) The importance of maintenance of function and*  
17 *independence for older persons.*

18 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

