

SENATE BILL NO. 183—SENATOR MATHEWS

FEBRUARY 20, 2003

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIBBONS

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Requires certain policies of health insurance and health care plans to provide for colorectal cancer screening under certain circumstances. (BDR 57-726)

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 insurance; requiring certain policies of health insurance and health care plans to provide for colorectal cancer screening under certain circumstances; 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 689A of NRS is hereby amended by  
2     adding thereto a new section to read as follows:  
3     *A policy of health insurance that provides coverage for the*  
4     *treatment of colorectal cancer must provide for colorectal cancer*  
5     *screening in accordance with:*  
6     1. *The guidelines concerning colorectal cancer screening*  
7     *which are published by the American Cancer Society; or*  
8     2. *Other guidelines or reports concerning colorectal cancer*  
9     *screening which are published by nationally recognized*  
10    *professional organizations and which include current or*  
11    *prevailing supporting scientific data.*



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1     **Sec. 2.** Chapter 689B of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3     *A policy of group health insurance that provides coverage for*  
4 *the treatment of colorectal cancer must provide for colorectal*  
5 *cancer screening in accordance with:*

6     1. *The guidelines concerning colorectal cancer screening*  
7 *which are published by the American Cancer Society; or*

8     2. *Other guidelines or reports concerning colorectal cancer*  
9 *screening which are published by nationally recognized*  
10 *professional organizations and which include current or*  
11 *prevailing supporting scientific data.*

12     **Sec. 3.** Chapter 695C of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14     *A health care plan issued by a health maintenance*  
15 *organization that provides coverage for the treatment of colorectal*  
16 *cancer must provide for colorectal cancer screening in accordance*  
17 *with:*

18     1. *The guidelines concerning colorectal cancer screening*  
19 *which are published by the American Cancer Society; or*

20     2. *Other guidelines or reports concerning colorectal cancer*  
21 *screening which are published by nationally recognized*  
22 *professional organizations and which include current or*  
23 *prevailing supporting scientific data.*

24     **Sec. 4.** Chapter 695G of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
25 thereto a new section to read as follows:

26     *A health care plan issued by a managed care organization that*  
27 *provides coverage for the treatment of colorectal cancer must*  
28 *provide for colorectal cancer screening in accordance with:*

29     1. *The guidelines concerning colorectal cancer screening*  
30 *which are published by the American Cancer Society; or*

31     2. *Other guidelines or reports concerning colorectal cancer*  
32 *screening which are published by nationally recognized*  
33 *professional organizations and which include current or*  
34 *prevailing supporting scientific data.*

35     **Sec. 5.** Chapter 287 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
36 thereto a new section to read as follows:

37     *The governing body of any county, school district, municipal*  
38 *corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other*  
39 *public agency of the State of Nevada that provides health*  
40 *insurance through a plan of self-insurance shall provide coverage*  
41 *for colorectal cancer screening in accordance with:*

42     1. *The guidelines concerning colorectal cancer screening*  
43 *which are published by the American Cancer Society; or*

44     2. *Other guidelines or reports concerning colorectal cancer*  
45 *screening which are published by nationally recognized*



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- 2 *prevailing supporting scientific data.*

