

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 273—ASSEMBLYWOMAN OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Provides for establishment of program by State Board of Nursing to assist in repayment of educational loans. (BDR 54-1275)

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; requiring the State Board of Nursing to establish a program for the repayment of loans to assist certain licensees in the repayment of educational loans; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations to establish and carry out the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board shall establish a program for the repayment of qualifying loans for nurses pursuant to which an advanced practitioner of nursing, a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse may receive financial assistance to repay educational loans in exchange for service in the practice of nursing in this State.

2. The cost of carrying out the program, including providing financial assistance to participants in the program, is an expense in the administration of the provisions of this chapter for purposes of NRS 632.090 and must be paid, to the extent of available money, from the fees imposed by the Board pursuant to NRS 632.345 relating to the certification of advanced practitioners of nursing and the licensing of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.



1 3. *The Board shall adopt regulations to establish and carry*
2 *out the program for the repayment of qualifying loans, including,*
3 *without limitation, regulations that establish:*

4 (a) *Criteria that an advanced practitioner of nursing, a*
5 *registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse must meet to be*
6 *eligible to participate in the program;*

7 (b) *Criteria that a loan must meet to be considered a qualifying*
8 *loan;*

9 (c) *Guidelines for the submission and review of applications to*
10 *participate in the program;*

11 (d) *Guidelines pursuant to which financial assistance will be*
12 *awarded to a participant in the program; and*

13 (e) *Requirements that a participant in the program must*
14 *complete to receive financial assistance from the program,*
15 *including, without limitation, regulations establishing the length*
16 *of service that a participant in the program must complete.*

17 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2006.

