

Amendment No. 1169

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| Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 127 First Reprint | (BDR 40-714) |
| Proposed by: Committee on Ways and Means | |
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| Resolves Conflicts with: N/A | |
| Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes | |

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Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sections 1 through 4 as sections 3 through 6 and adding new sections designated sections 1 and 2, following the enacting clause, to read as follows:

“**Section 1.** NRS 439.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.272 1. The Health Division shall appoint a State Dental Health Officer, who is in the unclassified service of the State. The State Dental Health Officer must:

- (a) Be a resident of this State;
- (b) Hold a current license to practice dentistry issued pursuant to chapter 631 of NRS; and
- (c) Be appointed on the basis of his education, training and experience and his interest in public dental health and related programs.

2. The State Dental Health Officer shall:

- (a) Determine the needs of the residents of this State for public dental health;

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- (b) Provide the Health Division with advice regarding public dental health;
- (c) Make recommendations to the Health Division and the Legislature regarding programs in this State for public dental health;
- (d) Supervise the activities of the State Public Health Dental Hygienist; and
- (e) Seek such information and advice from a dental school of the University and Community College System of Nevada as necessary to carry out his duties.

3. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the]~~ **The** State Dental Health Officer shall devote all of his time to the business of his office and shall not pursue any other business or vocation or hold any other office of profit. ~~[Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 281.127 and 284.143, the State Dental Health Officer may engage in academic instruction, research and studies at a dental school of the University and Community College System of Nevada.]~~

4. The Health Division may solicit and accept gifts and grants to pay the costs associated with ~~[the position of State Dental Health Officer.]~~ **oral health programs.**

Sec. 2. NRS 439.279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.279 1. The Health Division shall appoint a State Public Health Dental Hygienist, who is in the unclassified service of the State. The State Public Health Dental Hygienist must:

- (a) Be a resident of this State;
- (b) Hold a current license to practice dental hygiene issued pursuant to chapter 631 of NRS with a special endorsement issued pursuant to NRS 631.287; and
- (c) Be appointed on the basis of his education, training and experience and his interest in public health dental hygiene and related programs.

2. The State Public Health Dental Hygienist:

(a) Shall assist the State Dental Health Officer in carrying out his duties; and

(b) May:

(1) Make recommendations to the Health Division regarding programs in this State for public health dental hygiene; and

(2) Perform any acts authorized pursuant to NRS 631.287.

3. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the]~~ **The** State Public Health Dental Hygienist shall devote all of his time to the business of his office and shall not pursue any other business or vocation or hold any other office of profit. ~~[Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 281.127 and 284.143, the State Public Health Dental Hygienist may engage in academic instruction, research and studies in a program of the University and Community College System of Nevada.]~~

4. The Health Division may solicit and accept gifts and grants to pay the costs associated with the position of State Public Health Dental Hygienist.”.

Amend the title of the bill, first line, after “health;” by inserting:

“making various changes concerning the duties of the State Dental Health Officer and the State Public Health Dental Hygienist;”.

Amend the summary of the bill to read as follows:

“SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning State Dental Health Officer and State Public Health Dental Hygienist and provides subsidies from Fund for a Healthy Nevada for coverage of certain additional benefits, including dental and vision benefits for certain senior citizens. (BDR 40-714)”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the appointment of a State Dental Health Officer and a State Public Health Dental Hygienist, each of whom is required to devote all of his time to the business of his office, except that each may engage in academic instruction, research and studies in a program of the University and Community College System of Nevada. (NRS 439.272, 439.279)

This bill removes the exception so that the State Dental Health Officer and the State Public Health Dental Hygienist are required to devote all of their time to the business of their respective offices and are not authorized to engage in academic instruction, research and studies.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Human Resources to provide subsidies from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to pay for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services for senior citizens. (NRS 439.630) The Fund is created from money received by the State from the settlement of litigation and judgments in civil actions with tobacco manufacturers. (NRS 439.620) Existing law further authorizes the Department to enter into contracts with private health insurers to arrange for the availability of health insurance policies for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services for senior citizens. (NRS 439.665)

This bill expands those provisions to include certain additional benefits, including dental and vision benefits, to the extent that money is available to pay for such additional benefits. Thus, this bill authorizes the Department of Human Resources to enter into contracts with private health insurers to provide coverage for the additional benefits, including dental and vision benefits, for

senior citizens under certain circumstances. In addition, money deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada may be used to subsidize those benefits.