

SENATE BILL NO. 155—SENATORS TITUS, WIENER, HORSFORD,  
CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, LEE, MATHEWS AND SCHNEIDER

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Requires hospitals to provide patients with certain information regarding Bureau for Hospital Patients. (BDR 40-1254)

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 public health; requiring hospitals to provide patients with certain information regarding the Bureau for Hospital Patients; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires each medical facility, facility for the dependent and  
2 home for individual residential care to inform each patient or his legal  
3 representative, upon admission to the facility or home, of certain rights of the  
4 patient. (NRS 449.730)

5 This bill requires each hospital, upon the admission of a patient, to provide to  
6 the patient or his legal representative certain written information explaining the  
7 existence of the Bureau for Hospital Patients within the Office for Consumer  
8 Health Assistance in the Office of the Governor, the services provided by the  
9 Bureau and the manner in which the Bureau may be contacted.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 449.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 449.730 1. Every medical facility, facility for the dependent  
3 and home for individual residential care shall inform each patient or  
4 his legal representative, upon his admission to the facility or home,  
5 of the patient's rights as listed in NRS 449.700, 449.710, 449.715  
6 and 449.720.



2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, if a person with a disability is a patient at a facility, as that term is defined in NRS 449.771, the facility shall inform the patient of his rights pursuant to NRS 449.765 to 449.786, inclusive.

*3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2, every hospital shall, upon the admission of a patient to the hospital, provide to the patient or his legal representative a written disclosure approved by the Director, which written disclosure must set forth:*

*(a) Notice of the existence of the Bureau for Hospital Patients created pursuant to NRS 223.575;*

*(b) The address and telephone number of the Bureau; and*

*(c) An explanation of the services provided by the Bureau, including, without limitation, the services for dispute resolution described in subsection 3 of NRS 223.575.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

