

SENATE BILL NO. 17—SENATOR WIENER

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing review of administrative regulations by Legislative Commission. (BDR 18-647)

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 administrative regulations; removing the provision which allows the filing of permanent regulations without a review by the Legislative Commission; making the appointment of a subcommittee to review regulations mandatory; revising the procedure for objecting to an administrative regulation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides for the review, suspension and nullification by the
2 Legislative Branch of permanent administrative regulations adopted by agencies of
3 the Executive Branch of State Government. (Nev. Const., Art. 3, § 1; NRS
4 233B.0395-233B.120) The regulations are reviewed to determine whether they
5 conform to statutory authority and carry out legislative intent. Under existing law, a
6 state agency is required to submit permanent regulations for review by the
7 Legislative Commission. The Commission must review the regulation if a regular
8 meeting of the Commission is held within 35 days after receipt of the regulation. If
9 there is no meeting of the Commission scheduled within 35 days after receipt of a
10 regulation, the regulation is filed and becomes effective without being reviewed
11 unless the regulation is referred to a subcommittee or a joint interim committee.
12 (NRS 233B.067)

13 This bill requires that every permanent regulation be reviewed by the
14 Legislative Commission at its next scheduled meeting after submission of the
15 regulation unless: (1) the Commission refers the regulation to a subcommittee; or
16 (2) the adopting agency has an emergency that requires the regulation to become
17 effective before the next scheduled meeting of the Commission. In either case, the
18 bill provides for review of the regulation by an established subcommittee of the
19 Commission. This bill makes the appointment of a subcommittee to review
20 regulations mandatory. This bill also removes the requirement that the Legislature



21 ratify any objections to regulations made by the Legislative Commission or the
22 subcommittee appointed to review regulations.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 233B.067 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 233B.067 1. After adopting a permanent regulation, the
4 agency shall submit the informational statement prepared pursuant
5 to NRS 233B.066 and one copy of each regulation adopted to the
6 Legislative Counsel for review by the Legislative Commission ~~;~~
7 ~~which may refer it to a joint interim committee,}~~ to determine
8 whether the regulation conforms to the statutory authority pursuant
9 to which it was adopted and whether the regulation carries out the
10 intent of the Legislature in granting that authority. The Legislative
11 Counsel shall endorse on the original and the copy of each adopted
12 regulation the date of their receipt. The Legislative Counsel shall
13 maintain the copy of the regulation in a file and make the copy
14 available for public inspection for 2 years.

15 2. If an agency submits an adopted regulation to the Legislative
16 Counsel pursuant to subsection 1 that:

17 (a) The agency is required to adopt pursuant to a federal statute
18 or regulation; and

19 (b) Exceeds the specific statutory authority of the agency or sets
20 forth requirements that are more stringent than a statute of this State,
21 ➤ it shall include a statement that adoption of the regulation is
22 required by a federal statute or regulation. The statement must
23 include the specific citation of the federal statute or regulation
24 requiring such adoption.

25 3. ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the*
26 Legislative Commission ~~{, or the joint interim committee if the~~
27 ~~Commission has referred it to such a committee, shall review}~~ *shall:*

28 (a) *Review* the regulation at its next regularly scheduled meeting
29 if the regulation is received more than ~~{10}~~ *3* working days before
30 the meeting ~~{and a regular meeting is held within 35 days after~~
31 ~~receipt of the regulation. The Commission may appoint a~~
32 ~~Committee to Review Regulations composed of three or more~~
33 ~~members of the Commission or any joint interim committee to~~
34 ~~examine proposed regulations received more than 35 days before a~~
35 ~~regular meeting is scheduled to be held.~~

36 ~~—4. The Legislative Commission shall notify the Legislative~~
37 ~~Counsel of the results of its review within 30 days after receipt of~~
38 ~~the regulation from the agency.} ; or~~



1 (b) Refer the regulation for review to the subcommittee to
2 review regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6.

3 4. If an agency determines that an emergency exists which
4 requires a regulation of the agency submitted pursuant to
5 subsection 1 to become effective before the next meeting of the
6 Legislative Commission is scheduled to be held, the agency may
7 notify the Legislative Counsel in writing of the emergency. Upon
8 receipt of such a notice, the Legislative Counsel shall refer the
9 regulation for review by the subcommittee to review regulations.
10 The subcommittee shall meet to review the regulation as soon as
11 practicable.

12 5. If the Legislative Commission , or the subcommittee to
13 review regulations if the regulation was referred, does not object to
14 the regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall promptly file ~~it~~ the
15 regulation with the Secretary of State ~~[within 35 days after receipt~~
16 ~~from the agency]~~ and notify the agency of the filing. If the
17 Commission or subcommittee objects to the regulation after
18 determining that:

19 (a) If subsection 2 is applicable, the regulation is not required
20 pursuant to a federal statute or regulation;

21 (b) The regulation does not conform to statutory authority; or

22 (c) The regulation does not carry out legislative intent,

23 ➤ the Legislative Counsel shall attach to the regulation a written
24 notice of the objection , ~~[of the Commission,]~~ including a statement
25 of the reasons for ~~[its]~~ the objection, and shall promptly return the
26 regulation to the agency.

27 6. As soon as practicable after each regular legislative
28 session, the Legislative Commission shall appoint a subcommittee
29 to review regulations consisting of at least three members of the
30 Legislative Commission.

31 Sec. 2. NRS 233B.0675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 233B.0675 1. If the Legislative Commission or the
33 subcommittee to review regulations has objected to a regulation, the
34 agency may revise it and return it to the Legislative Counsel. Upon
35 receipt of the revised regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall
36 resubmit the regulation to the Commission ~~[at its next regularly~~
37 ~~scheduled meeting. If the Commission does not object]~~ or
38 subcommittee for review. If there is no objection to the revised
39 regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall promptly file the revised
40 regulation with the Secretary of State and notify the agency of the
41 filing.

42 2. If the Legislative Commission or subcommittee objects to
43 the revised regulation, the agency may continue to revise it and
44 resubmit it to the ~~[Commission,]~~ Legislative Counsel.



1 3. If the agency refuses to revise a regulation to which the
2 Legislative Commission *or the subcommittee* has objected, the
3 Commission ~~{may}~~ *shall* suspend the filing of the regulation . ~~{until~~
4 ~~the final day of the next regular session of the Legislature. Before~~
5 ~~the final day of the next regular session the Legislature may, by~~
6 ~~concurrent resolution or other appropriate legislative measure,~~
7 ~~declare that the regulation will not become effective.}~~ The
8 Legislative Counsel shall thereupon notify the agency that the
9 regulation will not be filed and must not be enforced. ~~{If the~~
10 ~~Legislature has not so declared by the final day of the session,~~
11 ~~the Legislative Counsel shall promptly file the regulation and notify~~
12 ~~the agency of the filing.}~~
13 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

