

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 145—ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the assignment of benefits for health insurance. (BDR 57-1068)

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 health insurance; revising provisions governing the assignment of benefits; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill prohibits an insurer or other entity that is obligated to pay benefits for
2 services provided to a person by a hospital or other provider of health care to make
3 such payments directly to the person if the insurer or other entity has notice that the
4 person has assigned the benefits to the hospital or other provider of health care.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 679A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 3 *1. Notwithstanding any specific statute to the contrary, an*
4 *insurer or other entity that is obligated to pay benefits for services*
5 *provided to a person by a hospital or other provider of health care,*
6 *or to reimburse a person for the costs of such services, shall not*
7 *make the payment directly to the person if an itemized statement*
8 *for the services is submitted to the insurer or other entity which*
9 *clearly indicates that the right of the person to those benefits has*
10 *been assigned to the hospital or other provider of health care.*

- 11 *2. If an insurer or other entity that has notice of such an*
12 *assignment makes payment directly to the person in violation of*
13 *subsection 1, the payment:*



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- 1 (a) Does not release the insurer or other entity from liability to
- 2 pay the hospital or other provider of health care to which the
- 3 benefits have been assigned; and
- 4 (b) Is not a defense to any action by the hospital or other
- 5 provider of health care against the insurer or other entity to collect
- 6 the assigned benefits.

