

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 that is obligated to pay benefits for services
2 provided to a person by a hospital or other provider of health care to make such
3 payments directly to the person if the insurer has notice that the person has assigned
4 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
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Notwithstanding any specific statute to the contrary, an***
4 ***insurer that is obligated to pay benefits for services provided to a***
5 ***person by a hospital or other provider of health care, or to***
6 ***reimburse a person for the costs of such services, shall not make***
7 ***the payment directly to the person if an itemized statement for the***
8 ***services is submitted to the insurer which clearly indicates that***
9 ***the right of the person to those benefits has been assigned to the***
10 ***hospital or other provider of health care.***
11 ***2. If an insurer that has notice of such an assignment makes***
12 ***payment directly to the person in violation of subsection 1, the***
13 ***payment:***



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- 1 (a) Does not release the insurer from liability to pay the
- 2 hospital or other provider of health care to which the benefits have
- 3 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 to collect the assigned
- 6 benefits.

