

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 18—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Expands the confidentiality provisions pertaining to certain review committees to include certain committees of institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 4-276)

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 privileged communications; expanding the confidentiality provisions pertaining to certain review committees to include certain committees of institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law provides that a committee which is responsible for evaluating and
- 2 improving the quality of medical care rendered by certain organizations has a
- 3 privilege to refuse to disclose its proceedings and records and the testimony given
- 4 to it. (NRS 49.117-49.123) This bill extends the privilege to review committees of
- 5 institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education that provide clinical
- 6 programs and practices related to the medical care or treatment of patients.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 49.117 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 49.117 As used in NRS 49.117 to 49.123, inclusive, unless the
- 3 context otherwise requires, “review committee” means:
- 4 1. An organized committee of:



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- 1 (a) A hospital;
- 2 (b) An ambulatory surgical center;
- 3 (c) A health maintenance organization;
- 4 (d) An organization that provides emergency medical services
- 5 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS; ~~for~~
- 6 (e) A medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151 ~~H~~; or
- 7 *(f) An institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education*
- 8 *or any of its affiliated organizations that provides a clinical*
- 9 *program or practice related to the medical treatment or care of*
- 10 *patients,*
- 11 ↪ which has the responsibility of evaluating and improving the
- 12 quality of care rendered by the parent organization;
- 13 2. A peer review committee of a medical or dental society; or
- 14 3. A medical review committee of a county or district board of
- 15 health that certifies, licenses or regulates providers of emergency
- 16 medical services pursuant to the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS,
- 17 but only when functioning as a peer review committee.
- 18 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

