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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 360—ASSEMBLYMEN OCEGUERA, KOIVISTO, ANDERSON, BEERS, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CLABORN, GERHARDT, GOEDHART, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM AND STEWART

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS WIENER, CARLTON, COFFIN, HORSFORD, TITUS AND WOODHOUSE

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes the State Program for Vascular Health.
(BDR 40-392)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the State Program for Vascular Health; requiring the Administrator of the Division to appoint a Coordinator for Vascular Health; creating the Advisory Committee for Vascular Health; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 11** of this bill requires the Health Division of the Department of Health
2 and Human Services to establish the State Program for Vascular Health. **Sections**
3 **12 and 13** of this bill provide for the appointment of a Coordinator for Vascular
4 Health and prescribe the duties of the Coordinator. **Sections 14 and 15** of this bill
5 create the Advisory Committee for Vascular Health and prescribe the duties of the
6 Committee. **Sections 18 and 19** of this bill set forth the powers and duties of the
7 Health Division related to the State Program for Vascular Health. **Section 18**
8 requires the Health Division to conduct public education campaigns and to submit
9 an annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Counsel Bureau summarizing
10 information about the Coordinator, the Committee, the public education campaigns,
11 activities undertaken for the Program and recommendation. **Section 19** authorizes



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12 the Health Division to enter into contracts and to apply for and accept gifts, grants,
13 donations and bequests.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 19, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 19, inclusive, of this act,*
5 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
6 *in sections 3 to 10, inclusive, of this act have the meanings*
7 *ascribed to them in those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Committee” means the Advisory Committee for*
9 *Vascular Health created by section 14 of this act.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Coordinator” means the Coordinator for Vascular*
11 *Health appointed pursuant to section 12 of this act.*

12 **Sec. 5.** *“Hospital” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
13 *NRS 449.012.*

14 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

15 **Sec. 7.** *“Primary prevention” means the treatment of risk*
16 *factors for stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease in the*
17 *general population before the onset of any symptoms.*

18 **Sec. 8.** *“Program” means the State Program for Vascular*
19 *Health established pursuant to section 11 of this act.*

20 **Sec. 9.** *“Provider of health care” has the meaning ascribed*
21 *to it in NRS 629.031.*

22 **Sec. 10.** *“Secondary prevention” means the treatment of*
23 *patients who have developed symptoms of stroke, heart disease or*
24 *other vascular disease that is designed to prevent the onset of*
25 *additional symptoms and attacks of the condition.*

26 **Sec. 11.** *The Health Division shall establish the State*
27 *Program for Vascular Health to increase public knowledge and*
28 *raise public awareness relating to vascular health, including,*
29 *without limitation, the prevention and treatment of stroke, heart*
30 *disease and other vascular disease. The Program must not limit or*
31 *otherwise address options concerning the transfer of a patient.*

32 **Sec. 12.** *The Administrator shall appoint a Coordinator for*
33 *Vascular Health. The Coordinator must have appropriate*
34 *education and experience in public health or a related field.*

35 **Sec. 13.** *The Coordinator shall:*

36 1. *Facilitate discussion and collaboration concerning the*
37 *proper care of victims of stroke, heart disease and other vascular*
38 *disease among:*



(a) Providers of health care who provide services to victims of stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease;

(b) Physicians who provide emergency medical services;

(c) County and local agencies that provide emergency medical services;

(d) Hospitals;

(e) The Board of Medical Examiners and other boards responsible for issuing a license to a provider of health care;

(f) Providers of health insurance; and

(g) Any other person deemed appropriate by the Coordinator who provides services to victims of stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease.

2. Establish a comprehensive plan for the prevention of stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease with an emphasis on developing a policy for primary prevention and secondary prevention to eliminate the disparities in vascular health among populations that are disproportionately affected by stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease.

3. Identify appropriate methods by which to promote vascular health among populations that are disproportionately affected by stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease.

4. Assist the Health Division with public education campaigns pursuant to section 18 of this act.

5. Assist providers of health care, hospitals and other facilities and organizations in procuring grants of money to improve vascular health.

6. Facilitate, monitor and evaluate strategies and programs for the prevention of stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease.

7. Perform such other duties relating to vascular health as may be required by the Administrator.

Sec. 14. 1. The Advisory Committee for Vascular Health is hereby created.

2. The Committee consists of 14 members. The State Health Officer serves as an ex officio voting member of the Committee.

3. The Administrator shall appoint to the Committee:

(a) A neurologist who is licensed to practice in this State and who is experienced in treating victims of stroke, or a physician who is licensed to practice in this State and who works in an emergency room;

(b) A provider of emergency medical services;

(c) A representative of the Health Division whose primary responsibilities relate to the licensure and certification of persons who provide emergency medical services;



(d) A representative of a health district created pursuant to NRS 439.362 whose primary responsibilities relate to the licensure and certification of persons who provide emergency medical services;

(e) Two representatives of the American Heart Association or its successor, one of whom is a representative from a local chapter or the state chapter of the American Stroke Association or its successor;

(f) A representative of a school of public health of the Nevada System of Higher Education;

(g) A representative from rural Nevada;

(h) A representative of hospitals in this State;

(i) A representative of administrators, individual health insurers, group health insurers, nonprofit hospitals, medical and dental service corporations, health maintenance organizations, collectively bargained plans, self-funded plans or other entities that pay claims under a contract for health insurance;

(j) One person selected from the list of nominees provided by the Governor pursuant to subsection 4;

(k) One person selected from the list of nominees provided by the Majority Leader of the Senate pursuant to subsection 4; and

(l) One person selected from the list of nominees provided by the Speaker of the Assembly pursuant to subsection 4.

4. On or before May 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each submit to the Administrator a list of nominees containing the name of:

(a) One representative of a population disproportionately affected by heart disease or stroke;

(b) One registered nurse who is licensed to practice professional nursing in this State; and

(c) One person who is a survivor of stroke.

➡ From among the nominees submitted, the Administrator shall appoint to the Committee one person from each of the three categories listed in this subsection.

5. The Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members. After the initial election, each of those officers holds office for a term of 2 years beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, the members of the Committee shall elect a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

6. After the initial terms, each member of the Committee serves a term of 2 years beginning on July 1. A member may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years.



1 7. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled for the
2 remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the
3 original appointment.

4 8. The members of the Committee serve without
5 compensation. If sufficient money is available, each member is
6 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses
7 provided for state officers and employees generally while attending
8 meetings of the Committee or otherwise engaged in the business of
9 the Committee.

10 9. The Health Division shall provide administrative support
11 to the Committee.

12 **Sec. 15. The Committee shall:**

13 1. Adopt rules for its own governance.

14 2. Meet at least once each calendar quarter and at other times
15 upon the call of the Chairman.

16 3. Advise and make recommendations to the Coordinator and
17 the Health Division in carrying out the Program.

18 4. On or before May 1 of each year, submit a written report to
19 the Health Division summarizing the activities of the Committee
20 and any recommendations it has made.

21 5. In carrying out its duties, solicit suggestions and
22 information from:

23 (a) Providers of emergency medical services;

24 (b) Associations of medical professionals;

25 (c) Hospitals;

26 (d) The Health Division;

27 (e) The Board of Medical Examiners and other boards
28 responsible for issuing a license to a provider of health care; and

29 (f) Other persons with interests relating to vascular health as
30 deemed necessary by the Committee.

31 **Sec. 16. (Deleted by amendment.)**

32 **Sec. 17. (Deleted by amendment.)**

33 **Sec. 18. The Health Division shall:**

34 1. Conduct public education campaigns to increase public
35 awareness about the signs and symptoms of stroke, heart disease
36 and other vascular disease and the need to call emergency medical
37 services at the onset of symptoms. The campaigns must include,
38 without limitation, providing educational materials and
39 information concerning vascular health in written form, public
40 service announcements and the development and maintenance of
41 a website.

42 2. On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and submit a
43 report to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel
44 Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature which summarizes:

45 (a) The activities of the Coordinator and the Committee;



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(b) The effectiveness of the public education campaigns conducted pursuant to this section;

(c) The activities undertaken to carry out the Program; and

(d) Any recommendations of the Health Division, the Coordinator or the Committee concerning the prevention and treatment of stroke, heart disease and other vascular disease in this State.

Sec. 19. 1. The Health Division may:

(a) Enter into contracts for any service necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 19, inclusive, of this act; and

(b) Apply for and accept gifts, grants, donations and bequests from any source to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 19, inclusive, of this act.

2. Any money collected pursuant to subsection 1 and any money appropriated to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 19, inclusive, of this act:

(a) Must be deposited in the State Treasury and accounted for separately in the State General Fund; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided by the terms of a specific gift, grant, donation or bequest, must only be expended to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 19, inclusive, of this act.

3. The Administrator shall administer the account. Any interest or income earned on the money in the account must be credited to the account.

4. Any claims against the account must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 20. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 21. 1. On or before March 1, 2008, the Administrator of the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services shall appoint the following members to the Advisory Committee for Vascular Health created by section 14 of this act:

(a) One member each pursuant to paragraphs (a), (c), (f), (g), (j), (k) and (l) of subsection 3 of section 14 of this act to an initial term commencing on March 1, 2008, and expiring on June 30, 2009.

(b) One member each pursuant to paragraphs (b), (d), (h) and (i) of subsection 3 of section 14 of this act and two members pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 3 of section 14 of this act to an initial term commencing on March 1, 2008, and expiring on June 30, 2010.

2. On or before February 1, 2008, the Governor, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall submit lists of nominees for appointment to the Advisory Committee for Vascular Health to the Administrator of the Health Division pursuant to subsection 4 of section 14 of this act.



1 **Sec. 22.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

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