

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 468—ASSEMBLYMEN OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, KOIVISTO, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, BEERS, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLUM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Requires providers of health care to provide disclosure of certain financial interests when referring a patient to or recommending physical therapy to a patient. (BDR 54-1300)

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 providers of health care; requiring a provider of health care to provide a written disclosure of certain financial interests that he has when referring a patient to or recommending physical therapy to a patient; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires providers of health care who refer patients to or recommend
- 2 physical therapy to a patient to provide a written disclosure to the patient of any
- 3 financial interests that the provider of health care has in a facility recommended or
- 4 to which a patient is referred. This bill also clarifies that this new requirement does
- 5 not authorize a referral or recommendation which is otherwise prohibited.



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

Section 1. Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. If a provider of health care refers a patient to or recommends that a patient receive physical therapy at a specific facility in which the provider of health care has a financial interest, the provider of health care shall disclose that interest to the patient in writing in a conspicuous manner.

2. The provisions of this section do not authorize a referral or recommendation which is otherwise prohibited, including, without limitation, by the provisions of NRS 439B.425.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Financial interest" includes, without limitation, any share in the ownership of or profit from a facility at which physical therapy is provided and any form of compensation from a facility at which physical therapy is provided for a prescription for physical therapy.

(b) "Physical therapy" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 640.022.

