

Assembly Bill No. 94—Assemblymen Leslie, Buckley, Bobzien,
Carpenter, Parks, Anderson, Horne, Munford, Oceguela,
Ohrenschall, Pierce and Smith

Joint Sponsors: Senators Care and Titus

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to administrative procedure; eliminating the prohibition against the admission of a person as a party to an administrative proceeding in a contested case involving the grant, denial or renewal of a license if the person does not have a direct financial interest in the grant, denial or renewal of the license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits the admission of a person as a party to an administrative proceeding in a contested case involving the grant, denial or renewal of a license if the person does not have a direct financial interest in the grant, denial or renewal of the license. (NRS 233B.127) **Section 1** of this bill eliminates that prohibition.

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

Section 1. NRS 233B.127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.127 1. When the grant, denial or renewal of a license is required to be preceded by notice and opportunity for hearing, the provisions of this chapter concerning contested cases apply.

2. When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license or for a new license with reference to any activity of a continuing nature, the existing license does not expire until the application has been finally determined by the agency, and, in case the application is denied or the terms of the new license limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.

3. No revocation, suspension, annulment or withdrawal of any license is lawful unless, ~~prior to~~ *before* the institution of agency proceedings, the agency gave notice by certified mail to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the intended action, and the licensee was given an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license. If the agency finds that public health, safety or welfare imperatively require emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending



proceedings for revocation or other action. Such proceedings ~~{shall}~~ **must** be promptly instituted and determined.

~~{4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person must not be admitted as a party to an administrative proceeding in a contested case involving the grant, denial or renewal of a license unless he demonstrates to the satisfaction of the presiding hearing officer that:~~

~~—(a) His financial situation is likely to be maintained or to improve as a direct result of the grant or renewal of the license; or~~

~~—(b) His financial situation is likely to deteriorate as a direct result of the denial of the license or refusal to renew the license.~~

~~↪ The provisions of this subsection do not preclude the admission, as a party, of any person who will participate in the administrative proceeding as the agent or legal representative of an agency.]~~

Sec. 2. NRS 233B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
233B.130 1. Any party who is:

(a) Identified as a party of record by an agency in an administrative proceeding; and

(b) Aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case,
↪ is entitled to judicial review of the decision. Where appeal is provided within an agency, only the decision at the highest level is reviewable unless a decision made at a lower level in the agency is made final by statute. Any preliminary, procedural or intermediate act or ruling by an agency in a contested case is reviewable if review of the final decision of the agency would not provide an adequate remedy.

2. Petitions for judicial review must:

(a) Name as respondents the agency and all parties of record to the administrative proceeding;

(b) Be instituted by filing a petition in the district court in and for Carson City, in and for the county in which the aggrieved party resides or in and for the county where the agency proceeding occurred; and

(c) Be filed within 30 days after service of the final decision of the agency.

↪ Cross-petitions for judicial review must be filed within 10 days after service of a petition for judicial review.

3. The agency and any party desiring to participate in the judicial review must file a statement of intent to participate in the petition for judicial review and serve the statement upon the agency and every party within 20 days after service of the petition.

4. A petition for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within 15 days after the date of service of the final decision. An



order granting or denying the petition must be served on all parties at least 5 days before the expiration of the time for filing the petition for judicial review. If the petition is granted, the subsequent order shall be deemed the final order for the purpose of judicial review.

5. The petition for judicial review and any cross-petitions for judicial review must be served upon the agency and every party within 45 days after the filing of the petition, unless, upon a showing of good cause, the district court extends the time for such service. If the proceeding involves a petition for judicial review or cross-petition for judicial review of a final decision of the State Contractors' Board, ~~for of a final decision of an agency or hearing officer in a contested case involving the grant, denial or renewal of a license,~~ the district court ~~[shall,]~~ *may*, on its own motion or the motion of a party, dismiss from the proceeding any agency or person who:

(a) Is named as a party in the petition for judicial review or cross-petition for judicial review; and

(b) Was not a party to the administrative proceeding for which the petition for judicial review or cross-petition for judicial review was filed.

6. The provisions of this chapter are the exclusive means of judicial review of, or judicial action concerning, a final decision in a contested case involving an agency to which this chapter applies.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

