

SENATE BILL NO. 9—SENATOR HECK

PREFILED DECEMBER 11, 2006

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides that the provisions related to obtaining the informed consent of patients apply to osteopathic physicians. (BDR 3-728)

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 osteopathic physicians; providing that the provisions related to obtaining the informed consent of patients apply to osteopathic physicians; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides for when a physician or a dentist has conclusively
2 obtained the informed consent of a patient for a medical, surgical or dental
3 procedure. (NRS 41A.110) This bill applies those provisions to an osteopathic
4 physician.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 41A.110 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 41A.110 A physician licensed to practice medicine under the
4 provisions of chapter 630 ***or 633*** of NRS, or a dentist licensed to
5 practice dentistry under the provisions of chapter 631 of NRS, has
6 conclusively obtained the consent of a patient for a medical, surgical
7 or dental procedure, as appropriate, if he has done the following:

8 1. Explained to the patient in general terms , without specific
9 details, the procedure to be undertaken;



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- 1 2. Explained to the patient alternative methods of treatment, if
- 2 any, and their general nature;
- 3 3. Explained to the patient that there may be risks, together
- 4 with the general nature and extent of the risks involved, without
- 5 enumerating such risks; and
- 6 4. Obtained the signature of the patient to a statement
- 7 containing an explanation of the procedure, alternative methods of
- 8 treatment and risks involved, as provided in this section.

