

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 157—ASSEMBLYMEN COBB; GANSERT,
GOEDHART, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY,
MCARTHUR, SETTELMEYER AND STEWART

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Provides that the head of a household which receives
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families must
accept certain employment. (BDR 38-137)

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 welfare; providing that the head of a household
which receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
must accept certain employment; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires each head of household who is not suffering from a
2 hardship to perform work within a reasonable time, and provides that a failure to
3 comply with that requirement shall be deemed a failure to comply with the terms of
4 the plan for personal responsibility signed by him. (NRS 422A.550) This bill
5 requires a head of household to accept work offered to him unless he has good
6 cause for refusing the work, and provides that a failure to comply with that
7 requirement also shall be deemed a failure to comply with the terms of the plan for
8 personal responsibility signed by him.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 422A.550 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 422A.550 1. Subject to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 607(e),
4 the Division shall require each head of ~~fa~~ household who is not
5 suffering from a hardship described in subsection 7 of NRS
6 422A.570 to perform work:



(a) Within a reasonable time after the Division determines that the head of ~~the~~ household is capable of finding and performing work; or

(b) Not later than the date on which the head of ~~the~~ household has received benefits for 24 months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or cumulative,
↳ whichever occurs earlier.

2. *A head of household shall accept work offered to him, unless he has good cause for refusing the work.*

3. A head of ~~the~~ household who does not comply with the requirements of this section:

(a) Shall be deemed to have failed to comply with the terms of the plan for personal responsibility signed by him pursuant to NRS 422A.535; and

(b) Is subject to the penalties prescribed by the Division pursuant to NRS 422A.560 for the failure to comply with the terms of that plan.

~~3.~~ 4. The Administrator shall adopt regulations setting forth the activities that will constitute work for the purposes of this section.

