

Assembly Bill No. 216–Committee on
Health and Human Services

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AN ACT relating to health; revising the membership and duties of the Nevada Academy of Health; removing the prospective expiration of the Nevada Academy of Health; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The Nevada Academy of Health studies issues relating to health care in this State and provides assistance, technical support and advice to the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Department of Health and Human Services. (NRS 439B.250) **Section 1** of this bill revises the membership of the Nevada Academy of Health and reduces the membership of the Academy from 14 members to 13 members. **Section 1** also revises the duties of the Nevada Academy of Health to require the Academy to study issues relating to the improvement of health and health care in this State and eliminates the requirement to make recommendations relating to a statewide biomedical and health research program.

The Nevada Academy of Health is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2009. (Chapter 452, Statutes of Nevada 2007, p. 2384) **Section 2** of this bill removes the prospective expiration of the Nevada Academy of Health.

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

Section 1. NRS 439B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439B.250 1. There is hereby established the Nevada Academy of Health consisting of ~~14~~ **13** members as follows:

- (a) The Director or his designee;
- (b) One member who represents the Nevada System of Higher Education appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada;
- (c) ~~Six~~ **Four** members appointed by the Governor;
- (d) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- (e) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
- (f) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- ~~and~~
- (g) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly ~~1~~; **and**
- (h) The authorized representative for the State of Nevada of a quality improvement organization of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services which operates in this State or his designee.*



2. The members appointed to the Academy pursuant to subsection 1 must not be Legislators and, to the extent practicable, must:

- (a) Represent agencies and organizations that provide education or training for providers of health care;
- (b) Be advocates for the rights of patients;
- (c) Be recognized academic scholars; or
- (d) Be members of the general public who have specialized knowledge and experience that are beneficial to the Academy.

3. The Chairman of the Academy must be elected from among the members of the Academy.

4. Each member of the Academy who is not an officer or employee of the State serves without compensation and is not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or travel expenses.

5. Each member of the Academy who is an officer or employee of the State must be relieved from his duties without loss of his regular compensation so that he may attend meetings of the Committee or the Academy and is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, which must be paid by the state agency that employs him.

6. *The term of office of a member of the Academy is 2 years.* A vacancy occurring in the membership of the Academy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member of the Academy may be reappointed.

7. The Academy shall:

(a) Perform any duties prescribed by, and comply with all requests from, the Committee;

(b) Study issues relating to health care in this State, including, without limitation ~~{, medical}~~ :

(1) *Medical* and clinical research ~~{and the}~~ ;

(2) *The* education and training of providers of health care;

(3) *The improvement of accountability within the system of health care in this State;*

(4) *The improvement of access to and quality of health care in this State; and*

(5) *The improvement of the health of the residents of this State;*

(c) Establish standards and goals concerning the provision of health care which are measurable and regularly evaluated;

(d) Analyze and evaluate data relating to health care that is created, collected or reviewed by the Committee and the Department;



(e) Promote cooperation *and partnerships* between the public and private sectors, including the ~~{transfer}~~ *development and implementation* of technology used to provide health care and the establishment of business partnerships that promote economic development in this State;

(f) ~~{Provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the establishment of a statewide biomedical and health research program;~~

~~—(g)}~~ Provide to the Committee:

(1) Such assistance and technical expertise on matters relating to health care as the Committee may request; and

(2) Advice and recommendations from consumers of health care; and

~~{(h)}~~ (g) Provide to the Department, at the direction of the Committee:

(1) Technical expertise in matters relating to health care; and

(2) Advice and recommendations from consumers of health care.

8. The Academy may appoint advisory committees if necessary or appropriate to assist the Academy in carrying out the provisions of this section.

9. The Academy may accept gifts, grants and donations of money from any source to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of chapter 452, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 2384, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007 . ~~{and expires by limitation on June 30, 2009.}~~

Sec. 3. The appointed members of the Nevada Academy of Health must be appointed as follows:

1. One member must be appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to a term that commences on July 1, 2009, and ends on June 30, 2011.

2. Four members must be appointed by the Governor to terms that commence on July 1, 2009, and end on June 30, 2011.

3. Two members must be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate to terms that commence on July 1, 2009, and end on June 30, 2011.

4. Two members must be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly to terms that commence on July 1, 2009, and end on June 30, 2011.

5. One member must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate to a term that commences on July 1, 2009, and ends on June 30, 2011.



6. One member must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly to a term that commences on July 1, 2009, and ends on June 30, 2011.

Sec. 4. 1. This section and sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

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