

Amendment No. 261

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 325

(BDR 40-42)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Health and Education**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: Add Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) ~~orange double underlining~~ is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold dashed underlining*** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/13/2009

S.B. No. 325—Requires hospitals to establish a program concerning methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. (BDR 40-42)



SENATE BILL NO. 325—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

MARCH 16, 2009

Referred to Committee on Health and Education

SUMMARY—~~[Requires]~~ **Authorizes** hospitals to establish a program concerning methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. (BDR ~~(40-42)~~ **S-42**)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 communicable diseases; ~~[requiring]~~ **authorizing** hospitals to establish a program concerning methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; ~~[requiring the State Health Officer]~~ **encouraging the Nevada Hospital Association to develop a method** to collect information concerning such infections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill ~~[requires]~~ **authorizes** each hospital in this State to establish a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* ~~(MRSA)~~ **infection control** program to identify patients with ~~(MRSA)~~ **methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infection**, isolate such patients, enforce hand-washing policies and **work with the Nevada Hospital Association to develop a method** to report information about such infections. ~~[to the State Health Officer. The State Health Officer is required to compile aggregate information about the reported cases of MRSA and make such aggregate information available on the website of]~~ **This bill further encourages the Nevada Hospital Association, in cooperation with the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, ~~it~~ and hospitals, to develop a model for reporting cases of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infection.**

WHEREAS, Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* is a type of bacterial infection that is resistant to more than one class of antimicrobial agents and is one of the most common pathogens that cause healthcare-associated infections in the United States and in many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infections occur most frequently in patients who have undergone invasive medical procedures or who have a weakened immune system; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* accounted for 63 percent of the total number of staphylococcus infections in healthcare settings; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, approximately 94,360 people were infected with and 18,650 people died from methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infections; and

WHEREAS, Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infections can be prevented by practicing proper hygiene such as hand washing and contact precautions; now therefore,

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

Section 1. ~~[Chapter 441A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 2. ~~[1. Each hospital in this State shall establish a MRSA program that requires:~~

~~--- (a) Identification of all MRSA colonized patients in all intensive care units, and other at-risk patients identified by the hospital, through active surveillance testing;~~

~~--- (b) Isolation of identified MRSA colonized or MRSA infected patients in an appropriate manner;~~

~~--- (c) Monitoring and strict enforcement of requirements for appropriate hygiene related to washing hands;~~

~~--- (d) Maintenance of records and reporting of identified cases of MRSA to the State Health Officer;~~

~~2. As used in this section, "MRSA" means methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 3. ~~[1. The State Health Officer shall compile aggregate data from the information submitted by hospitals pursuant to section 2 of this act concerning the total number of infections caused by methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in this State that were present when a patient was admitted to the hospital or that occurred after admission;~~

~~2. The State Health Officer shall adopt regulations concerning the manner of reporting and the information to be reported by hospitals pursuant to section 2 of this act;~~

~~3. The aggregate data compiled pursuant to subsection 1 must be made available on the website of the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 4. 1. Each hospital in this State is encouraged to establish a methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection control program that requires:

--- (a) The identification, through testing, of all patients in all intensive care units and other patients who are at risk for infection with or who are colonized with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus;

--- (b) Proper isolation of patients who are identified as being infected with or colonized with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus;

--- (c) Monitoring and strict enforcement of proper hygiene, including, without limitation, hand washing; and

--- (d) The hospital to work with the Nevada Hospital Association to develop a model for reporting cases of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection in a timely manner.

2. The Nevada Hospital Association, in cooperation with the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services and hospitals in this State, is encouraged to develop a model for reporting cases of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection in a timely manner.

3. If the Nevada Hospital Association develops a model pursuant to subsection 2, on or before January 1, 2011, the Nevada Hospital Association shall submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the Legislature concerning the model developed pursuant to that subsection.