

SENATE BILL NO. 249—SENATOR NOLAN

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Referred to Committee on Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the medical professionals who may issue a health certificate to a person applying for employment as a taxicab driver. (BDR 58-120)

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 motor carriers; changing the name of a “physician’s certificate” to a “health certificate”; revising provisions relating to the medical professionals who may issue a health certificate to a person applying for employment as a taxicab driver; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires an applicant for employment as a taxicab driver to obtain
2 a physician’s certificate issued by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the
3 State of Nevada. (NRS 706.8842) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill change the name of
4 a “physician’s certificate” to a “health certificate.” **Section 1** also revises existing
5 law to authorize a physician assistant or advanced practitioner of nursing to issue a
6 health certificate.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 706.8842 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 706.8842 1. Before applying to a certificate holder for
4 employment as a driver, a person must obtain a ~~physician’s~~ **health**
5 certificate with two copies thereof from ~~that~~ :
6 **(a)** A physician who is licensed to practice in the State of
7 Nevada ~~that~~ ;



1 (b) A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or
2 633 of NRS; or

3 (c) An advanced practitioner of nursing, as defined in
4 NRS 632.012.

5 2. A physician , a physician assistant or an advanced
6 practitioner of nursing shall issue the certificate and copies
7 described in subsection 1 if he finds that a prospective driver meets
8 the health requirements established by the Federal Motor Carrier
9 Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. §§ 391.41 et seq.

10 3. The certificate described in subsection 1 must state that the
11 physician , physician assistant or advanced practitioner of nursing
12 has examined the prospective driver and has found that he meets the
13 health requirements described in subsection 2. The certificate must
14 be signed and dated by the physician ~~[-]~~ , physician assistant or
15 advanced practitioner of nursing.

16 4. The ~~physician's~~ health certificate required by this section
17 expires 2 years after the date of issuance and may be renewed.

18 Sec. 2. NRS 706.8843 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 706.8843 1. A certificate holder shall not employ a driver
20 unless the driver has obtained and has on his person:

21 (a) A valid driver's license for the State of Nevada obtained
22 under the provisions of NRS 483.010 to 483.630, inclusive;

23 (b) A copy of a ~~physician's~~ health certificate obtained
24 pursuant to NRS 706.8842; and

25 (c) A driver's permit issued by the Administrator pursuant to
26 rules and regulations of the Taxicab Authority.

27 2. A certificate holder shall, at the time he employs a driver,
28 provide the driver with a complete copy of the rules and regulations
29 described in NRS 706.8844 to 706.8849, inclusive, and such other
30 rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Taxicab Authority,
31 and require the driver to sign a statement that he has received a copy
32 of the regulations and has read and familiarized himself with the
33 contents thereof.

