

SENATE BILL NO. 380—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Health and Education

SUMMARY—Provides for the establishment of a program of shared responsibility for access to health care for certain uninsured persons. (BDR 40-1132)

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 public health; authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a program of shared responsibility for access to health care for certain uninsured employed persons in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a
2 program of shared responsibility for access to health care for certain uninsured
3 employed persons in this State. The Department may, to the extent money is
4 available, contract with a nonprofit organization that offers a medical discount plan
5 to carry out the program.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Department may develop a program of shared*
4 *responsibility for access to health care for uninsured persons in*
5 *this State.*

6 *2. To carry out the program developed pursuant to subsection*
7 *1, the Department, to the extent money is available, may contract*
8 *with a nonprofit organization that offers a medical discount plan*
9 *which:*



1 (a) Provides that, to be eligible to participate in the medical
2 discount plan, a person must:

3 (1) Be employed but not have been offered health insurance
4 by his employer;

5 (2) Have a household income that is between 100 and 250
6 percent of the federally designated level signifying poverty; and

7 (3) Not be eligible for any other state or local health
8 insurance program; and

9 (b) Requires the payment of annual fees by participants in the
10 medical discount plan and their employers for the costs of
11 administering the plan.

12 3. Any amount paid by an employer pursuant to subsection 2
13 must be allowed as a deduction pursuant to NRS 363A.135 or
14 363B.115.

15 4. A nonprofit organization which contracts with the
16 Department to carry out the program developed pursuant to
17 subsection 1 shall provide a quarterly performance and fiscal
18 report to the Department regarding the implementation of the
19 program.

20 5. As used in this section:

21 (a) "Medical discount plan" has the meaning ascribed to it in
22 NRS 695H.050.

23 (b) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization that is
24 recognized as exempt pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

25 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

