

SENATE BILL NO. 367—SENATORS CEGAVSKE; AND HARDY

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires certain health care practitioners to communicate certain information to the public. (BDR 54-625)

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 health care practitioners; requiring certain health care practitioners to communicate certain information to the public; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill, which is patterned after legislation recently enacted in California,
2 requires certain health care practitioners to communicate the practitioner's name,
3 type of state-granted practitioner license and highest level of academic degree to
4 each of the practitioner's patients by: (1) providing such information in writing at a
5 patient's initial office visit; (2) prominently displaying such information in an area
6 of the practitioner's office that is visible to patients; or (3) both providing such
7 information in writing and prominently displaying such information. If a health
8 care practitioner chooses to disclose such required information by providing the
9 information in writing at a patient's initial office visit, the information must
10 conform to a certain format. Additionally, a health care practitioner who provides
11 information regarding health care services on an Internet website that is directly
12 controlled or administered by the practitioner or his or her office personnel must
13 prominently display the required information regarding the practitioner's name,
14 license and degree on the Internet website. This bill also exempts certain health
15 care practitioners from disclosing such required information to patients.



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

Section 1. Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a health care practitioner shall communicate his or her name, type of state-granted practitioner license and highest level of academic degree to every patient by using one or both of the following methods:

(a) Providing such information in writing at a patient's initial office visit.

(b) Prominently displaying such information in an area of his or her office that is visible to patients.

2. A health care practitioner who chooses to disclose the information required pursuant to this section in the manner set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall present such information in at least 24-point type or font in the following format:

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

- 1. Name and license*
- 2. Highest level of academic degree.....*
- 3. Board certification (ABMS).....*

3. A health care practitioner who provides information regarding health care services on an Internet website that is directly controlled or administered by the health care practitioner or his or her office personnel shall prominently display the information required pursuant to this section on the Internet website.

4. The provisions of this section do not apply to the following health care practitioners:

(a) A person who provides professional medical services to enrollees of a health care service plan that exclusively contracts with a single medical group in a specific geographic area to provide or arrange for professional medical services for the enrollees of the plan.

(b) A person who works in a health facility or medical laboratory.

(c) A practitioner of respiratory care licensed under chapter 630 of NRS.

(d) A hearing aid specialist or an apprentice to a hearing aid specialist licensed under chapter 637A of NRS.

(e) A veterinarian or other person licensed under chapter 638 of NRS.



1 (f) A marriage and family therapist, clinical professional
2 counselor, or intern to a marriage and family therapist or clinical
3 professional counselor licensed under chapter 641A of NRS.

4 (g) A social worker licensed under chapter 641B of NRS.

5 (h) A person licensed to operate, conduct, issue a report from
6 or maintain a medical laboratory under chapter 652 of NRS.

7 5. As used in this section:

8 (a) "Health care practitioner" means a person licensed to
9 practice one of the health professions regulated by this title.

10 (b) "Health facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
11 NRS 439A.015.

12 (c) "Medical laboratory" has the meaning ascribed to it in
13 NRS 652.060.

14 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2012.

