

SENATE BILL NO. 167—SENATORS CEGAVSKE AND JONES

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions for the designation of certain hospitals as heart attack receiving centers or heart attack referring centers. (BDR 40-229)

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; enacting provisions for the designation of certain hospitals as heart attack receiving centers or heart attack referring centers; authorizing the State Board of Health to adopt regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The American Heart Association defines an ST-Elevation Myocardial
2 Infarction (STEMI) as a severe type of heart attack that is caused by a prolonged
3 period of blocked blood supply which affects a large area of the heart and which
4 carries a substantial risk of death and disability. This bill establishes provisions for
5 the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to
6 acknowledge and prepare a list of hospitals that are designated as either heart attack
7 receiving centers or heart attack referring centers for meeting the high standards of
8 performance in STEMI care. This bill also authorizes the State Board of Health to
9 adopt regulations relating to such designations. This bill further provides that a
10 licensed hospital which is not designated as a heart attack receiving or referring
11 center may not advertise that the hospital is a heart attack receiving or referring
12 center. This bill does not prohibit any hospital from providing care to a victim of a
13 heart attack, even if the hospital does not receive such a designation.



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

Section 1. Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A hospital licensed pursuant to NRS 449.030 to 449.240, inclusive, may submit to the Health Division proof that the hospital is accredited as a heart attack receiving center or a heart attack referring center. Upon receiving proof that a hospital is accredited as a heart attack receiving center or a heart attack referring center, the Health Division shall include the hospital on the list established pursuant to subsection 2.

2. On or before July 1 of each year, the Health Division shall post a list of all hospitals designated as heart attack receiving centers or heart attack referring centers on an Internet website maintained by the Health Division.

3. If a hospital wishes to be included as a heart attack receiving center or heart attack referring center on the list established pursuant to subsection 2, the hospital must annually resubmit the proof required pursuant to this section.

4. The Health Division may remove a hospital from the list established pursuant to subsection 2 if the accreditation recognizing the hospital as a heart attack receiving center or heart attack referring center is suspended or revoked.

5. A hospital that is not included on the list established pursuant to subsection 2 shall not represent, advertise or imply that the hospital is designated as a heart attack receiving center or heart attack referring center.

6. The provisions of this section do not prohibit a hospital that is licensed pursuant to NRS 449.030 to 449.240, inclusive, from providing care to a victim of a heart attack if the hospital does not have a designation as a heart attack receiving center or heart attack referring center.

7. The Board may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and to designate hospitals with accreditations similar to those required for designation as a heart attack receiving center or heart attack referring center.

8. As used in this section:

(a) "Heart attack receiving center" means a hospital that is accredited by the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care, in conjunction with the initiative developed by the American Heart Association known as the "Mission: Lifeline initiative," or an equivalent organization approved by the Health Division, as having met specific standards of performance in the receipt and treatment of a patient with STEMI.



1 (b) “Heart attack referring center” means a hospital that is
2 accredited by the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care, in
3 conjunction with the initiative specified in paragraph (a), or an
4 equivalent organization approved by the Health Division, as
5 having met specific standards of performance in the prompt
6 diagnosis and transfer of a patient with STEMI.

7 (c) “STEMI” means an elevated myocardial infarction as
8 indicated by any electrographic abnormality in the ST segment of
9 an electrocardiogram which is administered to a patient.

10 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

