

SENATE BILL NO. 3—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF MINERAL COUNTY)

PREFILED DECEMBER 19, 2012

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

**SUMMARY**—Revises provisions governing the amount of money allocated for medical assistance to indigent persons in certain counties. (BDR 38-263)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to indigent persons; revising the provisions governing the amount of money allocated in the budget for medical assistance to indigent persons in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, for each fiscal year, each board of county commissioners is required to allocate money in its budget for medical assistance to indigent persons. In a county whose population is less than 700,000 (currently counties other than Clark County) the amount allocated is required to be 104.5 percent of the amount allocated for that purpose for the previous fiscal year. (NRS 428.295) This bill establishes a cap on the amount that must be allocated for medical assistance to indigent persons in those counties.

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

1     **Section 1.** NRS 428.295 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     428.295 1. For each fiscal year the board of county  
3 commissioners shall, in the preparation of its final budget, allocate  
4 money for medical assistance to indigents pursuant to this chapter.



1        2. In a county whose population is less than 700,000, *except as*  
2 *otherwise provided in subsection 3*, the amount allocated must be  
3 calculated by multiplying the amount allocated for that purpose for  
4 the previous fiscal year by 104.5 percent.

5        3. *The maximum amount allocated pursuant to subsection 2*  
6 *must not exceed an amount equal to 8 cents for each \$100 of the*  
7 *assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county making the*  
8 *allocation.*

9        4. When, during any fiscal year, the amount of money  
10 expended by the county for any program of medical assistance for  
11 those persons eligible pursuant to this chapter exceeds the amount  
12 allocated for that purpose in its budget, the board of county  
13 commissioners shall, to the extent that money is available in the  
14 fund, pay claims against the county from the fund for that purpose.

15        **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

