

SENATE BILL NO. 351—SENATOR HUTCHISON

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Prohibits certain activities relating to liens for health care services. (BDR 54-847)

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

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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; prohibiting the purchase of certain liens relating to health care services; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill prohibits a provider of health care or a health facility that treats a
2 patient for a condition for which the patient has filed or intends to file a civil claim
3 to recover damages, or any business in which such a provider or facility has a
4 financial interest, from acquiring a debt or lien for services which arise from the
5 same claim and are provided to the patient by another provider or facility.

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

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

3 *1. A provider of health care or a health facility that provides*
4 *services to a patient who has filed or intends to file a civil claim to*
5 *recover damages, or a business in which such a provider of health*
6 *care or health facility holds a financial interest, shall not purchase*
7 *or acquire a debt or a lien that is based upon services which:*

8 *(a) Are provided to the patient in relation to the same claim for*
9 *which the provider of health care or health facility provided*
10 *services to the patient; and*

11 *(b) Are provided to that patient by another provider of health*
12 *care or health facility.*



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1 2. *A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a category E*
2 *felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130, and*
3 *may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for*
4 *each violation.*

5 3. *As used in this section:*

6 (a) *“Financial interest” includes, without limitation, any share*
7 *in the ownership of or profit from a business and any form of*
8 *compensation from a business relating to a debt or lien based*
9 *upon services provided by a provider of health care or health*
10 *facility.*

11 (b) *“Health facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
12 *NRS 439A.015.*

