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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. As used in this section:

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

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

