

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 294—ASSEMBLYMEN THOMPSON, ELLIOT ANDERSON, FLORES, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, SPRINKLE; ARAUJO, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, DIAZ, JOINER, MOORE, MUNFORD, NEAL, O’NEILL, SPIEGEL, SWANK AND WHEELER

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SPEARMAN, PARKS, FORD, ATKINSON, KIHUEN; DENIS, MANENDO AND WOODHOUSE

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to suicide prevention for veterans. (BDR 37-692)

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 public health; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to report information concerning the suicide mortality rate of veterans to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law provides for the creation, powers and duties of the Department of  
2 Veterans Services and the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. (NRS  
3 417.0191-417.105) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Department of Health and  
4 Human Services to report to the Council certain information relating to the suicide  
5 mortality rate of veterans and requires the Council to report such information  
6 annually to the Legislature or, if the Legislature is not in session, to the Legislative  
7 Commission.



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

**Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide, subject to any limitations or restrictions contained in any state or federal law governing the privacy or confidentiality of records, a report from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics setting forth the suicide mortality rate of veterans in this State to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit such information to the Council not later than November 30 of each year and shall provide the information in aggregate and in digital form, and in a manner such that the data is capable of integration by the Council.*

*2. The Council shall, upon receiving the information submitted pursuant to this section, analyze and compile the information, including any recommendations of the Council, and submit the information with the report submitted pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 417.0195.*

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2016.

