

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 39—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Increases the cap on the application fee for the
Physician Visa Waiver Program. (BDR 40-328)

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 health care; increasing the cap on the
application fee for the Physician Visa Waiver Program;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the State Board of Health to establish an application fee
2 of not more than \$500 to be paid by an employer or a physician for a letter of
3 support from the Physician Fee Waiver Program. (NRS 439A.170) This bill
4 increases the cap on the amount of the fee that the State Board may establish to
5 \$2,000.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 439A.170 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 439A.170 1. The Physician Visa Waiver Program is hereby
4 established in the Division. The Administrator shall administer the
5 Program consistent with federal law and the provisions of NRS
6 439A.130 to 439A.185, inclusive, and the regulations adopted
7 pursuant thereto. The Program must:

8 (a) Provide for the oversight of employers and J-1 visa
9 physicians in this State;



(b) Evaluate applications for letters of support submitted pursuant to NRS 439A.175; and

(c) Issue letters of support.

2. The State Board of Health shall adopt regulations:

(a) Providing for the administration of the Program; and

(b) Establishing an application fee, not to exceed ~~1\$500,1~~ **\$2,000**, payable to the Program by an employer or J-1 visa physician who applies for a letter of support pursuant to NRS 439A.175.

3. Any application fees collected by the Program are not refundable and must be deposited in the State Treasury and accounted for separately in the State General Fund. Any interest and income earned on the money in the account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the account. Any money remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund. All claims against the account must be paid as other claims against the State are paid. The money in the account must be used to pay the costs of administering the Program and for training and educating J-1 visa physicians and employers.

4. The Division is hereby designated as the agency of this State to cooperate with the Federal Government in the administration of the Program.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

