

SENATE BILL NO. 14—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH  
CARE FINANCING AND POLICY)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-325)

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 public welfare; revising the membership of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services identifies and reviews the prescription drugs which should be included on the list of preferred prescription drugs for the Medicaid program. (NRS 422.4025, 422.405) The Committee consists of at least 9 and not more than 11 members appointed by the Governor who must be health care professionals with certain knowledge and expertise. Additionally, at least one-third and not more than 51 percent of the members must be active physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State, and at least one-third but not more than 51 percent of the members must be active pharmacists registered in this State or persons in this State with a doctoral degree in pharmacy.

This bill revises the membership of the Committee to consist of at least 5 and not more than 11 members and to eliminate the maximum limits on the number of members who may be active physicians or pharmacists or persons with a doctoral degree in pharmacy.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 422.4035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422.4035 1. The Director shall create a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Department. The Committee must consist of at least ~~9~~ 5 members and not more than 11 members appointed by the Governor based on recommendations from the Director.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Committee health care professionals who have knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following:

(a) The clinically appropriate prescribing of outpatient prescription drugs that are covered by Medicaid;

(b) The clinically appropriate dispensing and monitoring of outpatient prescription drugs that are covered by Medicaid;

(c) The review of, evaluation of and intervention in the use of prescription drugs; and

(d) Medical quality assurance.

3. At least one-third of the members of the Committee ~~[and not more than 51 percent of the members of the Committee]~~ must be active physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State, at least one of whom must be an active psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State. At least one-third of the members of the Committee ~~[and not more than 51 percent of the members of the Committee]~~ must be either active pharmacists registered in this State or persons in this State with doctoral degrees in pharmacy.

4. A person must not be appointed to the Committee if the person is employed by, compensated by in any manner, has a financial interest in, or is otherwise affiliated with a business or corporation that manufactures prescription drugs.

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

