

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 387—ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to social workers.
(BDR 54-540)

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 social work; revising provisions requiring licensed social workers to receive certain suicide prevention and awareness training in order to renew a license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires social workers licensed to practice social work to
2 complete certain continuing education as a condition to the renewal of their
3 licenses, including 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and
4 awareness. (NRS 641B.280) Existing regulations require licensed social workers to
5 complete 2 hours of such instruction every year. (NAC 641B.187, as amended by
6 section 5 of Adopted Reg. of State Bd. of Examiners for Social Workers, LCB File
7 No. R018-16) This bill provides that a licensed social worker seeking to renew his
8 or her license must complete the 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide
9 prevention and awareness every 2 years.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 641B.280 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 641B.280 1. Every holder of a license issued pursuant to this
4 chapter may renew his or her license annually by:
5 (a) Applying to the Board for renewal;
6 (b) Paying the annual renewal fee set by the Board;



1 (c) Submitting evidence to the Board of completion of the
2 required continuing education as set forth in regulations adopted by
3 the Board; and

4 (d) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

5 2. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the renewal of a
6 license, require the holder to comply with the requirements for
7 continuing education adopted by the Board, which must include,
8 without limitation, a requirement that *every 2 years* the holder
9 receive at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide
10 prevention and awareness.

11 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2018, and expires
12 by limitation on June 30, 2026.

