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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:

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

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. NRS 641B.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641B.280 1. Every holder of a license issued pursuant to this chapter may renew his or her license annually by:

- (a) Applying to the Board for renewal;
- (b) Paying the annual renewal fee set by the Board;
- (c) Submitting evidence to the Board of completion of the required continuing education as set forth in regulations adopted by the Board; and
- (d) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

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

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

