

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 403—ASSEMBLYMEN DALY, FRIERSON, DIAZ,
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MCCURDY II AND MONROE-MORENO

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SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to governmental
administration. (BDR 18-573)

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 governmental administration; authorizing the
Legislative Commission to suspend or nullify certain
administrative regulations; abolishing the Subcommittee
to Review Regulations of the Legislative Commission;
revising provisions relating to administrative regulations;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under the separation-of-powers provision of the Nevada Constitution, one
2 branch of the State Government may not exercise powers properly belonging to
3 another branch of the State Government “except in the cases expressly directed or
4 permitted in this constitution.” (Nev. Const. Art. 3, § 1) As a general rule under the
5 separation-of-powers doctrine, because the question of whether a regulation
6 adopted by an executive agency exceeds its statutory authority or is inconsistent
7 with legislative intent presents a question of statutory interpretation, the power to
8 resolve that question of statutory interpretation and determine whether to invalidate
9 or nullify the regulation is usually regarded as judicial power because “it is
10 emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law
11 is.” (*Nevadans for Nev. v. Beers*, 122 Nev. 930, 943 n.20 (2006) (quoting *Marbury*
12 *v. Madison*, 5 U.S. 137, 177-78 (1803)); *Berkson v. LePome*, 126 Nev. 492, 499
13 (2010) (explaining that “[t]o declare what the law is or has been is judicial power;
14 to declare what the law shall be is legislative.” (quoting 1 Thomas M. Cooley,
15 *Constitutional Limitations* 191 (8th ed. 1927)); *Silver State Elec. Supply Co. v.*
16 *State ex rel. Dep’t of Tax’n*, 123 Nev. 80, 84 (2007) (“Appeals involving
17 interpretation of a statute or regulation present questions of law subject to our
18 independent review.”))

19 For example, in applying the separation-of-powers doctrine to the Federal
20 Government and other state governments, courts have found that the separation-of-



powers doctrine ordinarily prohibits legislative committees or other legislative bodies from exercising the power to nullify a regulation adopted by an executive agency on the basis that the regulation exceeds the statutory authority of the agency or is inconsistent with legislative intent, unless Congress or the state legislature passes a law that expressly nullifies the regulation or revises or repeals the agency's statutory authority. (*I.N.S. v. Chadha*, 462 U.S. 919, 953 n.16 (1983); *State v. A.L.I.V.E. Voluntary*, 606 P.2d 769, 772-79 (Alaska 1980); *Legis. Research Comm'n v. Brown*, 664 S.W.2d 907, 917-20 (Ky. 1984); *Blank v. Dep't of Corr.*, 611 N.W.2d 530, 537-39 (Mich. 2000); *General Assembly of N.J. v. Byrne*, 448 A.2d 438, 443-49 (N.J. 1982); *State ex rel. Barker v. Manchin*, 279 S.E.2d 622, 630-36 (W. Va. 1981))

However, in Nevada, the voters in 1996 approved a constitutional amendment to Nevada's separation-of-powers provision which expressly empowers the Legislature to provide by law for legislative agencies and legislative bodies composed of members of the Senate and Assembly to suspend or nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies on the basis that the regulations exceed the statutory authority of the agencies or are inconsistent with legislative intent. The constitutional amendment provides that if the Legislature authorizes the adoption of regulations by executive agencies which bind persons outside the agencies, the Legislature is authorized to enact laws providing for: (1) the review of such regulations by a legislative agency before their effective date to determine whether each such regulation is within the statutory authority for its adoption; (2) the suspension by a legislative agency of any such regulation which appears to exceed the statutory authority for its adoption until the regulation is reviewed by a legislative body composed of members of the Senate and Assembly; and (3) the nullification of any such regulation by a majority vote of a legislative body composed of members of the Senate and Assembly. (Nev. Const. Art. 3, § 1) When the constitutional amendment was presented to the voters, the ballot materials explained that its purpose was to ensure that the Legislative Branch had the specific constitutional power to suspend or nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies which exceed the statutory authority granted by the Legislature when it passed the laws that authorized the agencies to adopt the regulations. (*State of Nevada Ballot Questions 1996*, Question No. 5, at pp. 1-2 (Nev. Sec'y of State 1996))

When the Nevada Constitution expressly grants specific powers to the Legislative Branch, the other branches may not infringe upon the exercise of those powers out of respect for an equal and coordinate branch of government. (*Heller v. Legislature*, 120 Nev. 456, 466-72 (2004); *Comm'n on Ethics v. Hardy*, 125 Nev. 285, 291-94 (2009)) For example, the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that because the Nevada Constitution expressly grants to each legislative House the specific power to "judge" the qualifications, returns and elections of its own members, the constitutional assignment of that power to the Legislative Branch "insulates a legislator's qualifications to hold office from judicial review. In other words, a legislative body's decision to admit or expel a member is almost unreviewable in the courts." (*Heller v. Legislature*, 120 Nev. 456, 466-67 (2004)) Because Nevada's voters expressly granted specific constitutional power to the Legislature to provide by law for legislative agencies and legislative bodies composed of members of the Senate and Assembly to suspend or nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies, the other branches may not infringe upon the exercise of that power out of respect for an equal and coordinate branch of government.

In exercising its expressly granted and specific constitutional power regarding regulations, the Legislature has enacted provisions of the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act which set forth the procedures for the adoption of emergency, temporary and permanent regulations by certain executive agencies. (NRS



233B.0395-233B.120) Under existing law, with limited exceptions, the Legislative Commission or the Subcommittee to Review Regulations of the Legislative Commission has the authority to review and to approve or object to certain temporary or permanent regulations before those regulations become effective. (NRS 233B.0633, 233B.067-233B.070)

Section 10 of this bill authorizes the Legislative Commission to suspend or nullify a regulation adopted pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act if the regulation: (1) exceeds the statutory authority for its adoption; (2) is inconsistent with the intent of the Legislature in granting the statutory authority for its adoption; or (3) is no longer being administered or interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the agency's stated intention when adopting the regulation or the agency's stated intention during the review and approval of the regulation by the Legislative Commission. **Section 10** also establishes procedures that the Legislative Commission must follow before and after it takes action to suspend or nullify a regulation.

Additionally, **sections 10 and 12** of this bill preclude judicial review of any action taken or determination made by the Legislative Commission in exercising its powers to review, object to, suspend or nullify a regulation, and **sections 10 and 13** of this bill allow the Legislative Commission to determine whether an agency rule, standard, directive or statement constitutes a regulation for the purposes of exercising those powers. **Sections 17.5, 26 and 28** of this bill make conforming changes.

Section 22 of this bill abolishes the Subcommittee to Review Regulations of the Legislative Commission and provides only the Legislative Commission with the powers of reviewing and approving or objecting to certain temporary or permanent regulations before those regulations become effective. **Sections 16, 19, 21-24, 27 and 29** of this bill make conforming changes.

Section 11 of this bill directs the Legislative Commission to adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act governing administrative regulations. **Section 11** also requires the regulations to establish certain procedural rights and standards for proceedings of the Legislative Commission concerning the suspension or nullification of a regulation, including: (1) procedural rights that provide regulated persons and other interested persons with an opportunity to comment on whether the regulation should be suspended or nullified; and (2) standards and requirements for making a determination that the immediate suspension or nullification of the regulation is necessary to protect public health or safety.

Existing law excludes the application of certain agency policies as applied to a person with sufficient prior actual notice of the policy from the definition of "regulation" for the purposes of the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act. (NRS 233B.038) **Section 13** of this bill removes this exception.

Existing law ratifies the Nevada Administrative Code as revised or supplemented before May 15, 1987. (NRS 233B.0395) **Section 14** of this bill ratifies the Code as revised or supplemented before February 6, 2017.

Existing law requires an agency to adopt a proposed regulation not later than 2 years after the proposed regulation is submitted to the Legislative Counsel. (NRS 233B.040) **Section 15** of this bill requires an agency to also submit the proposed regulation to the Legislative Commission for review within the same 2-year period.

Existing law requires an agency to hold an oral public hearing on a proposed regulation if an oral hearing is requested by certain persons and the proposed regulation is substantive. (NRS 233B.061) **Section 17** of this bill eliminates the requirement regarding the substantiveness of the regulation.

Under existing law, the Legislative Counsel is required to prepare and publish a Register of Administrative Regulations, which includes information relating to adopted permanent regulations. (NRS 233B.0653) **Section 20** of this bill eliminates



the requirement that the Legislative Counsel publish paper copies of the Register and instead requires the Legislative Counsel to publish the Register electronically on the public website of the Legislature on the Internet.

An emergency regulation becomes effective when certain documents are filed with the Secretary of State. (NRS 233B.070) **Section 25** of this bill requires that a copy of the written statement of the emergency endorsed by the Governor is included with the information that must be filed with the Secretary of State before an emergency regulation becomes effective.

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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 8.5. 1. The Legislature hereby finds that:

(a) Under the separation-of-powers provision of Section 1 of Article 3 of the Nevada Constitution, one branch of the State Government may not exercise powers properly belonging to another branch of the State Government except in the cases expressly directed or permitted in the Nevada Constitution.

(b) In 1996, Nevada's voters approved a constitutional amendment to the separation-of-powers provision which expressly empowers the Legislature to provide by law for legislative agencies and legislative bodies composed of members of the Senate and Assembly to suspend or nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies on the basis that the regulations exceed the statutory authority of the agencies or are inconsistent with legislative intent.

(c) When the constitutional amendment was presented to the voters, the ballot materials explained that its purpose was to ensure that the Legislative Branch had the specific constitutional power to suspend or nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies which exceed the statutory authority granted by the Legislature when it passed the laws that authorized the agencies to adopt the regulations.

(d) Because Nevada's voters expressly granted specific constitutional power to the Legislature to provide by law for legislative agencies and legislative bodies composed of members of the Senate and Assembly to suspend or nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies, the other branches may not infringe upon the



1 exercise of that power out of respect for an equal and coordinate
2 branch of government.

3 (e) When executive agencies adopt regulations which exceed
4 their statutory authority or are inconsistent with legislative intent,
5 the regulations thwart and undermine the will of the people who,
6 through their elected representatives in the Legislature, determine by
7 properly enacted laws the scope and extent of the authority granted
8 to executive agencies to adopt the regulations.

9 2. The Legislature hereby declares that there is a legitimate and
10 compelling need to exercise its expressly granted and specific
11 constitutional power under Section 1 of Article 3 of the Nevada
12 Constitution, in the manner set forth in the provisions of this act, in
13 order to:

14 (a) Provide by law for legislative agencies and legislative bodies
15 composed of members of the Senate and Assembly to suspend or
16 nullify regulations adopted by executive agencies which exceed
17 their statutory authority or are inconsistent with legislative intent;
18 and

19 (b) Protect and safeguard the rights of the people against such
20 unlawful and invalid regulations.

21 **Sec. 9.** Chapter 233B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
22 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 10 and 11 of this act.

23 **Sec. 10. 1. Upon its own initiative, the Legislative**
24 **Commission may suspend or nullify a regulation, in whole or in**
25 **part, adopted pursuant to this chapter if, in the opinion of the**
26 **Legislative Commission, the regulation:**

27 **(a) Exceeds the statutory authority for the adoption of the**
28 **regulation;**

29 **(b) Is inconsistent with the intent of the Legislature in**
30 **granting the statutory authority for the adoption of the regulation;**
31 **or**

32 **(c) Is no longer being administered or interpreted by the**
33 **adopting agency in a manner consistent with the stated intent of**
34 **the agency when adopting the regulation or during the review and**
35 **approval of the regulation by the Legislative Commission.**

36 **2. Before holding the initial meeting to consider the**
37 **suspension or nullification of a regulation, the Legislative**
38 **Commission shall, at least 30 days before the meeting, provide the**
39 **adopting agency with written notice of the meeting which informs**
40 **the agency of:**

41 **(a) The specific regulation that will be considered at the**
42 **meeting; and**

43 **(b) The potential reasons for the suspension or nullification of**
44 **the regulation. The potential reasons provided in the written**
45 **notice:**



1 (1) Must include sufficient information to allow the agency
2 to prepare for the meeting.

3 (2) Do not preclude the Legislative Commission from
4 considering other reasons at the initial meeting or any subsequent
5 meeting held to consider the suspension or nullification of the
6 regulation.

7 3. At the initial meeting to consider the suspension or
8 nullification of a regulation, the Legislative Commission:

9 (a) Shall provide the adopting agency with an opportunity to
10 comment on whether the regulation should be suspended or
11 nullified.

12 (b) May not take action to suspend or nullify the regulation
13 unless the Legislative Commission makes a specific determination
14 that the immediate suspension or nullification of the regulation is
15 necessary to protect public health or safety. If the Legislative
16 Commission does not make such a specific determination, the
17 Legislative Commission may not take action to suspend or nullify
18 the regulation unless such action is taken at a subsequent meeting
19 held at least 30 days after the date of the initial meeting to
20 consider the suspension or nullification of the regulation.

21 4. If the Legislative Commission takes action to suspend or
22 nullify a regulation pursuant to this section, the Legislative
23 Commission shall, as soon as practicable after taking such action,
24 provide the Secretary of State and the adopting agency with
25 written notice of:

26 (a) The suspension of the regulation and when the suspension
27 becomes effective and when it expires; or

28 (b) The nullification of the regulation and when the
29 nullification becomes effective.

30 5. Any action taken or determination made by the Legislative
31 Commission pursuant to this section, including, without
32 limitation, any action to suspend or nullify a regulation, is final
33 and not subject to judicial review.

34 6. In exercising the powers granted in this section, the
35 Legislative Commission:

36 (a) Has the authority to determine whether an agency rule,
37 standard, directive or statement is a regulation as defined in NRS
38 233B.038; and

39 (b) After making such a determination, may take action to
40 suspend or nullify the regulation pursuant to this section.

41 7. Any regulation which is nullified by the Legislative
42 Commission pursuant to this section must be removed from the
43 Nevada Administrative Code and from any agency publications
44 and notices.



1 8. *As used in this section, “adopting agency” or “agency”*
2 *means the agency that adopted the regulation or any successor*
3 *agency that administers the regulation.*

4 **Sec. 11.** 1. *The Legislative Commission shall adopt such*
5 *regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this*
6 *section and NRS 233B.0395 to 233B.120, inclusive, and section 10*
7 *of this act.*

8 2. *The regulations adopted by the Legislative Commission*
9 *must establish for proceedings of the Legislative Commission*
10 *concerning the suspension or nullification of a regulation*
11 *pursuant to section 10 of this act:*

12 (a) *Procedural rights that provide persons who are regulated*
13 *by or otherwise interested in the regulation with an opportunity to*
14 *comment on whether the regulation should be suspended or*
15 *nullified.*

16 (b) *Standards and requirements for making a specific*
17 *determination that the immediate suspension or nullification of*
18 *the regulation is necessary to protect public health or safety.*

19 **Sec. 12.** NRS 233B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
20 233B.020 1. By this chapter, the Legislature intends to
21 establish ~~minimum~~ procedural requirements for :

22 (a) *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the*
23 *regulation-making and adjudication procedure of all agencies of the*
24 *Executive Department of the State Government and for judicial*
25 *review of both functions, except as to those agencies expressly*
26 *exempted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.*

27 (b) *The exercise by the Legislative Commission of the power to*
28 *review, object to, suspend or nullify a regulation as authorized by*
29 *Section 1 of Article 3 of the Nevada Constitution and NRS*
30 *233B.0395 to 233B.120, inclusive, and sections 10 and 11 of this*
31 *act, except that the exercise of such a power by the Legislative*
32 *Commission is final and not subject to judicial review.*

33 2. This chapter confers no additional regulation-making
34 authority upon any agency except to the extent provided in
35 subsection 1 of NRS 233B.050.

36 ~~12-1~~ 3. The provisions of this chapter are intended to
37 supplement statutes applicable to specific agencies. This chapter
38 does not abrogate or limit additional requirements imposed on such
39 agencies by statute or otherwise recognized by law.

40 **Sec. 13.** NRS 233B.038 is hereby amended to read as follows:
41 233B.038 1. “Regulation” means:

42 (a) An agency rule, standard, directive or statement of general
43 applicability which effectuates or interprets law or policy, or
44 describes the organization, procedure or practice requirements of
45 any agency ~~H~~ , *including, without limitation, an agency rule,*



1 *standard, directive or statement that the Legislative Commission*
2 *determines is a regulation pursuant to section 10 of this act;*

3 (b) A proposed regulation;

4 (c) The amendment or repeal of a prior regulation; and

5 (d) The general application by an agency of a written policy,
6 interpretation, process or procedure to determine whether a person is
7 in compliance with a federal or state statute or regulation in order to
8 assess a fine, monetary penalty or monetary interest.

9 2. The term does not include:

10 (a) A statement concerning only the internal management of an
11 agency and not affecting private rights or procedures available to the
12 public;

13 (b) A declaratory ruling;

14 (c) An intraagency memorandum;

15 (d) A manual of internal policies and procedures or audit
16 procedures of an agency which is used solely to train or provide
17 guidance to employees of the agency and which is not used as
18 authority in a contested case to determine whether a person is in
19 compliance with a federal or state statute or regulation;

20 (e) An agency decision or finding in a contested case;

21 (f) An advisory opinion issued by an agency that is not of
22 general applicability;

23 (g) A published opinion of the Attorney General;

24 (h) An interpretation of an agency that has statutory authority to
25 issue interpretations;

26 (i) Letters of approval, concurrence or disapproval issued in
27 relation to a permit for a specific project or activity;

28 (j) A contract or agreement into which an agency has entered;

29 (k) The provisions of a federal law, regulation or guideline;

30 (l) An emergency action taken by an agency that is necessary to
31 protect public health and safety;

32 ~~(m) [The application by an agency of a policy, interpretation,~~
33 ~~process or procedure to a person who has sufficient prior actual~~
34 ~~notice of the policy, interpretation, process or procedure to~~
35 ~~determine whether the person is in compliance with a federal or~~
36 ~~state statute or regulation in order to assess a fine, monetary penalty~~
37 ~~or monetary interest;~~

38 ~~—(n)]~~ A regulation concerning the use of public roads or facilities
39 which is indicated to the public by means of signs, signals and other
40 traffic-control devices that conform with the manual and
41 specifications for a uniform system of official traffic-control devices
42 adopted pursuant to NRS 484A.430;

43 ~~(n)]~~ (n) The classification of wildlife or the designation of
44 seasons for hunting, fishing or trapping by regulation of the Board



1 of Wildlife Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of title 45 of
2 NRS; or

3 ~~(b)~~ (o) A technical bulletin prepared pursuant to
4 NRS 360.133.

5 **Sec. 14.** NRS 233B.0395 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows:

7 233B.0395 The Nevada Administrative Code as most recently
8 revised or supplemented before ~~May 15, 1987,~~ **February 6, 2017,**
9 and the text of those regulations which have been prepared by the
10 Legislative Counsel for inclusion in the Nevada Administrative
11 Code on or before ~~May 15, 1987,~~ **February 6, 2017,** but have not
12 been included, are hereby ratified.

13 **Sec. 15.** NRS 233B.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 233B.040 1. To the extent authorized by the statutes
15 applicable to it, each agency may adopt reasonable regulations to aid
16 it in carrying out the functions assigned to it by law and shall adopt
17 such regulations as are necessary to the proper execution of those
18 functions. If adopted and filed in accordance with the provisions of
19 this chapter, the following regulations have the force of law and
20 must be enforced by all peace officers:

21 (a) The Nevada Administrative Code; and

22 (b) Temporary and emergency regulations.

23 ➤ In every instance, the power to adopt regulations to carry out a
24 particular function is limited by the terms of the grant of authority
25 pursuant to which the function was assigned.

26 2. Every regulation adopted by an agency must include:

27 (a) A citation of the authority pursuant to which it, or any part of
28 it, was adopted; and

29 (b) The address of the agency and, to the extent not elsewhere
30 provided in the regulation, a brief explanation of the procedures for
31 obtaining clarification of the regulation or relief from the strict
32 application of any of its terms, if the agency is authorized by a
33 specific statute to grant such relief, or otherwise dealing with the
34 agency in connection with the regulation.

35 3. An agency may adopt by reference in a regulation material
36 published by another authority in book or pamphlet form if:

37 (a) It files one copy of the publication with the Secretary of
38 State and one copy with the State Library, Archives and Public
39 Records Administrator, and makes at least one copy available for
40 public inspection with its regulations; and

41 (b) The reference discloses the source and price for purchase of
42 the publication.

43 ➤ An agency shall not attempt to incorporate any other material in a
44 regulation by reference.



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4. An agency shall adopt *and submit* a proposed regulation *to the Legislative Commission for review* not later than 2 years after the date on which the proposed regulation is submitted to the Legislative Counsel pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 233B.063. If an agency does not adopt *and submit* a proposed regulation *to the Legislative Commission for review* within the time prescribed by this subsection, the executive head of the agency shall appear personally before the Legislative Commission and explain why the proposed regulation has not been adopted ~~H~~ *and submitted to the Legislative Commission for review*.

Sec. 16. NRS 233B.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.060 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 233B.061, before adopting, amending or repealing:

(a) A permanent regulation, the agency must, after receiving the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation prepared by the Legislative Counsel pursuant to NRS 233B.063, give at least 30 days' notice of its intended action, unless a shorter period of notice is specifically permitted by statute.

(b) A temporary regulation, the agency must give at least 30 days' notice of its intended action, unless a shorter period of notice is specifically permitted by statute.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if an agency has adopted a temporary regulation after notice and the opportunity for a hearing as provided in this chapter, it may adopt, after providing a second notice and the opportunity for a hearing, a permanent regulation, but the language of the permanent regulation must first be approved or revised by the Legislative Counsel and the adopted regulation must be approved by the Legislative Commission . ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067.~~

3. If the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada has adopted a temporary regulation after notice and the opportunity for a hearing as provided in this chapter, it may adopt a substantively equivalent permanent regulation without further notice or hearing, but the language of the permanent regulation must first be approved or revised by the Legislative Counsel and the adopted regulation must be approved by the Legislative Commission . ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations.~~

Sec. 17. NRS 233B.061 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.061 1. All interested persons must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments upon a proposed regulation, orally or in writing.

2. Before holding the public hearing required pursuant to subsection 3, an agency shall conduct at least one workshop to solicit comments from interested persons on one or more general



1 topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation. Not less than 15
2 days before the workshop, the agency shall provide notice of the
3 time and place set for the workshop:

4 (a) In writing to each person who has requested to be placed on
5 a mailing list; and

6 (b) In any other manner reasonably calculated to provide such
7 notice to the general public and any business that may be affected
8 by a proposed regulation which addresses the general topics to be
9 considered at the workshop.

10 3. ~~[With respect to substantive regulations, the]~~ *The* agency
11 shall set a time and place for an oral public hearing, but if no one
12 appears who will be directly affected by the proposed regulation and
13 requests an oral hearing, the agency may proceed immediately to act
14 upon any written submissions. The agency shall consider fully all
15 written and oral submissions respecting the proposed regulation.

16 4. An agency shall not hold the public hearing required
17 pursuant to subsection 3 on the same day that the agency holds the
18 workshop required pursuant to subsection 2.

19 5. Each workshop and public hearing required pursuant to
20 subsections 2 and 3 must be conducted in accordance with the
21 provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.

22 **Sec. 17.5.** NRS 233B.0613 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 233B.0613 1. If an agency determines that an emergency
25 exists ~~it~~ *and wants to adopt an emergency regulation*, it shall
26 submit to the Governor *the original copy of the proposed*
27 *emergency regulation with* a written statement of the emergency
28 which sets forth the reasons for ~~the~~ *its* determination ~~that an~~
29 *emergency exists*.

30 2. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, if* the
31 Governor endorses the statement of the emergency by written
32 endorsement at the end of the full text of the statement of *the*
33 emergency on the original copy of ~~it~~ *the* proposed *emergency*
34 regulation, the *emergency* regulation may be adopted and become
35 effective immediately upon its being filed in the Office of the
36 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.070. The
37 statement of the emergency endorsed by the Governor must be
38 included as a part of the *emergency* regulation for all purposes.

39 ~~it~~ 3. If practicable, the agency shall, not later than 9 a.m. on
40 the first working day before the date on which the emergency
41 regulation is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to
42 subsection 3 of NRS 233B.070, make the emergency regulation
43 available to the public by:

44 (a) Providing a copy of the emergency regulation to a member
45 of the public upon request; and



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(b) Making a copy of the emergency regulation available on its website on the Internet, if any.

~~3-1~~ 4. If practicable, the agency shall, not later than 9 a.m. on the first working day before the date of any hearing at which the agency considers the emergency regulation, make the version of the proposed emergency regulation that will be considered at the hearing available to the public by:

(a) Providing a copy of the proposed emergency regulation to a member of the public upon request; and

(b) Making a copy of the proposed emergency regulation available on its website on the Internet, if any.

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5. *An emergency* regulation adopted pursuant to this section may *not* be ~~effective~~:

(a) *Effective* for a period ~~of not~~ longer than 120 days. ~~A regulation may be adopted~~

(b) *Adopted* by this emergency procedure ~~only once.~~
~~5-1 more than once.~~

(c) *Substantially identical, in whole or in part, to a regulation suspended or nullified by the Legislative Commission pursuant to Section 1 of Article 3 of the Nevada Constitution and NRS 233B.0395 to 233B.120, inclusive, and sections 10 and 11 of this act.*

6. If an agency adopts, after providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing as required in this chapter, a permanent or temporary regulation which becomes effective and is substantially identical to its effective emergency regulation, the emergency regulation expires automatically on the effective date of the temporary or permanent regulation.

Sec. 18. NRS 233B.0617 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.0617 No regulation adopted after July 1, 1965, is valid unless adopted in substantial compliance with this chapter but no objection to any regulation on the ground of noncompliance with the procedural requirements of NRS 233B.060 to 233B.0617, inclusive, may be made more than 2 years after its effective date. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the making of an objection to a regulation on a ground other than noncompliance with the procedural requirements of NRS 233B.060 to 233B.0617, inclusive.* Regulations in effect on July 1, 1965, continue in effect until amended, *suspended, nullified* or repealed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, if an original and two copies were deposited with the Secretary of State on or before July 1, 1965.



1 **Sec. 19.** NRS 233B.0633 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 233B.0633 1. Upon the request of a Legislator, the
4 Legislative Commission may examine a temporary regulation
5 adopted by an agency that is not yet effective pursuant to subsection
6 2 of NRS 233B.070 to determine whether the temporary regulation
7 conforms to the statutory authority pursuant to which it was adopted
8 and whether the temporary regulation carries out the intent of the
9 Legislature in granting that authority.

10 2. If a temporary regulation that the Legislative Commission is
11 requested to examine pursuant to subsection 1 was required to be
12 adopted by the agency pursuant to a federal statute or regulation and
13 the temporary regulation exceeds the specific statutory authority of
14 the agency or sets forth requirements that are more stringent than a
15 statute of this State, the agency shall submit a statement to the
16 Legislative Commission that adoption of the temporary regulation
17 was required by a federal statute or regulation. The statement must
18 include the specific citation of the federal statute or regulation
19 requiring such adoption.

20 3. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the}~~ **The**
21 Legislative Commission shall ~~{~~

22 ~~—(a) Review~~ **review** the temporary regulation at its next regularly
23 scheduled meeting if the request for examination of the temporary
24 regulation is received more than 10 working days before the
25 meeting. ~~{ or~~

26 ~~—(b) Refer the temporary regulation for review to the~~
27 ~~Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed pursuant to~~
28 ~~subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067.~~

29 ~~—4. If an agency determines that an emergency exists which~~
30 ~~requires a temporary regulation of the agency for which a Legislator~~
31 ~~requested an examination pursuant to subsection 1 to become~~
32 ~~effective before the next meeting of the Legislative Commission is~~
33 ~~scheduled to be held, the agency may notify the Legislative Counsel~~
34 ~~in writing of the emergency. Upon receipt of such a notice, the~~
35 ~~Legislative Counsel shall refer the temporary regulation for review~~
36 ~~by the Subcommittee to Review Regulations as soon as practicable.~~

37 ~~—5-} 4. If the Legislative Commission { or the Subcommittee to~~
38 ~~Review Regulations if the temporary regulation was referred,}~~
39 approves the temporary regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall
40 notify the agency that the agency may file the temporary regulation
41 with the Secretary of State. If the Commission ~~{ or the~~
42 ~~Subcommittee}~~ objects to the temporary regulation after determining
43 that:

44 (a) If subsection 2 is applicable, the temporary regulation is not
45 required pursuant to a federal statute or regulation;



(b) The temporary regulation does not conform to statutory authority; or

(c) The temporary regulation does not carry out legislative intent,

the Legislative Counsel shall attach to the temporary regulation a written notice of the objection, including, if practicable, a statement of the reasons for the objection, and shall promptly return the temporary regulation to the agency.

~~{6-}~~ 5. If the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations~~ has objected to a temporary regulation, the agency that adopted the temporary regulation shall revise the temporary regulation to conform to the statutory authority pursuant to which it was adopted and to carry out the intent of the Legislature in granting that authority and return it to the Legislative Counsel within 60 days after the agency received the written notice of the objection to the temporary regulation pursuant to subsection ~~{5-}~~ 4. Upon receipt of the revised temporary regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall resubmit the temporary regulation to the Legislative Commission . ~~for the Subcommittee for review.~~ If the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee~~ approves the revised temporary regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall notify the agency that the agency may file the revised temporary regulation with the Secretary of State.

~~{7-}~~ 6. If the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations~~ objects to the revised temporary regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall attach to the revised temporary regulation a written notice of the objection, including, if practicable, a statement of the reasons for the objection, and shall promptly return the revised temporary regulation to the agency. The agency shall continue to revise it and resubmit it to the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee~~ within 30 days after the agency received the written notice of the objection to the revised temporary regulation.

Sec. 20. NRS 233B.0653 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.0653 1. The Legislative Counsel shall *periodically* prepare and publish ~~for cause to be prepared and published~~ *electronically* a Register of Administrative Regulations ~~+~~ *on the public website of the Legislature on the Internet*. The Register must include the following information regarding each permanent regulation adopted by an agency:

(a) The proposed and adopted text of the regulation and any revised version of the regulation;

(b) The notice of intent to act upon the regulation set forth in NRS 233B.0603;



(c) The written notice of adoption of the regulation required pursuant to NRS 233B.064;

(d) The informational statement required pursuant to NRS 233B.066; and

(e) The effective date of the regulation, as determined pursuant to NRS 233B.070.

~~1. In carrying out the duties set forth in this subsection, the Legislative Counsel may use the services of the State Printing Office.~~

~~2. The Legislative Counsel shall publish the Register not less than 10 times per year but not more than once every 2 weeks.~~

~~3. The Register must be provided to and maintained by:~~

~~(a) The Secretary of State;~~

~~(b) The Attorney General;~~

~~(c) The Supreme Court Law Library;~~

~~(d) The State Library, Archives and Public Records;~~

~~(e) Each county clerk;~~

~~(f) Each county library; and~~

~~(g) The Legislative Counsel Bureau.~~

~~4. The Legislative Counsel may sell an additional copy of the Register to any person or governmental entity that requests a copy, at a price which does not exceed the cost of publishing the additional copy.~~

~~5.~~ 2. The Legislative Counsel is immune from civil liability which may result from failure to include any information in the Register.

Sec. 21. NRS 233B.0665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.0665 If a regulation submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.067 is not accompanied by an informational statement which complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.066 or a small business impact statement which complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0608 and 233B.0609, the Legislative Counsel shall return the regulation to the agency with a note indicating the statement which is missing. Unless the missing statement is supplied, the Legislative Counsel shall not submit the regulation to the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations, as applicable,~~ and the regulation never becomes effective.

Sec. 22. NRS 233B.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.067 1. After adopting a permanent regulation, the agency shall submit the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066 and one copy of each regulation adopted to the Legislative Counsel for review by the Legislative Commission to determine whether to approve the regulation. The Legislative



1 Counsel shall endorse on the original and the copy of each adopted
2 regulation the date of their receipt. The Legislative Counsel shall
3 maintain the copy of the regulation in a file and make the copy
4 available for public inspection for 2 years.

5 2. If an agency submits an adopted regulation to the Legislative
6 Counsel pursuant to subsection 1 that:

7 (a) The agency is required to adopt pursuant to a federal statute
8 or regulation; and

9 (b) Exceeds the specific statutory authority of the agency or sets
10 forth requirements that are more stringent than a statute of this State,
11 it shall include a statement that adoption of the regulation is
12 required by a federal statute or regulation. The statement must
13 include the specific citation of the federal statute or regulation
14 requiring such adoption.

15 3. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the~~ **The**
16 **Legislative Commission shall** ~~;~~

17 ~~—(a) Review~~ **review** the regulation at its next regularly scheduled
18 meeting if the regulation is received more than 10 working days
19 before the meeting. ~~;~~ **or**

20 ~~—(b) Refer the regulation for review to the Subcommittee to~~
21 ~~Review Regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6.~~

22 ~~—4. If an agency determines that an emergency exists which~~
23 ~~requires a regulation of the agency submitted pursuant to subsection~~
24 ~~1 to become effective before the next meeting of the Legislative~~
25 ~~Commission is scheduled to be held, the agency may notify the~~
26 ~~Legislative Counsel in writing of the emergency. Upon receipt of~~
27 ~~such a notice, the Legislative Counsel shall refer the regulation for~~
28 ~~review by the Subcommittee to Review Regulations. The~~
29 ~~Subcommittee shall meet to review the regulation as soon as~~
30 ~~practicable.~~

31 ~~—5.~~ **4.** If the Legislative Commission ~~;~~ **or the Subcommittee to**
32 **Review Regulations if the regulation was referred,** approves the
33 regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall promptly file the regulation
34 with the Secretary of State and notify the agency of the filing. If the
35 Commission ~~for Subcommittee~~ objects to the regulation after
36 determining that:

37 (a) If subsection 2 is applicable, the regulation is not required
38 pursuant to a federal statute or regulation;

39 (b) The regulation does not conform to statutory authority;

40 (c) The regulation does not carry out legislative intent;

41 (d) The small business impact statement is inaccurate,
42 incomplete or did not adequately consider or significantly
43 underestimated the economic effect of the regulation on small
44 businesses; or



(e) The agency has not provided a satisfactory explanation of the need for the regulation in its informational statement as required pursuant to NRS 233B.066, or the informational statement is insufficient or incomplete, the Legislative Counsel shall attach to the regulation a written notice of the objection, including, if practicable, a statement of the reasons for the objection, and shall promptly return the regulation to the agency.

~~6. As soon as practicable after each regular legislative session, the Legislative Commission shall appoint a Subcommittee to Review Regulations consisting of at least three members or alternate members of the Legislative Commission.~~

Sec. 23. NRS 233B.0675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.0675 1. If the Legislative Commission ~~or the Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067,~~ has objected to a regulation, the agency shall revise the regulation to conform to the statutory authority pursuant to which it was adopted and to carry out the intent of the Legislature in granting that authority and return it to the Legislative Counsel within 60 days after the agency received the written notice of the objection to the regulation pursuant to NRS 233B.067. Upon receipt of the revised regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall resubmit the regulation to the Commission ~~for Subcommittee~~ for review. If the Commission ~~for Subcommittee~~ approves the revised regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall promptly file the revised regulation with the Secretary of State and notify the agency of the filing.

2. If the Legislative Commission ~~for Subcommittee~~ objects to the revised regulation, the Legislative Counsel shall attach to the revised regulation a written notice of the objection, including, if practicable, a statement of the reasons for the objection, and shall promptly return the revised regulation to the agency. The agency shall continue to revise it and resubmit it to the Commission ~~for Subcommittee~~ within 30 days after the agency received the written notice of the objection to the revised regulation.

Sec. 24. NRS 233B.0677 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.0677 1. Before holding a meeting to review temporary regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0633 or adopted regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.067 or 233B.0675, the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067, as applicable,~~ shall provide written notice of the meeting at least 3



1 working days before the meeting. The notice must include, without
2 limitation:

3 (a) A list of the regulations that the Legislative Commission ~~for~~
4 ~~the Subcommittee to Review Regulations~~ will review at the
5 meeting; and

6 (b) An explanation of the manner in which a person may obtain
7 a copy of a regulation that the Legislative Commission ~~for~~
8 ~~Subcommittee to Review Regulations~~ will review at the meeting.

9 2. If the Legislative Counsel Bureau maintains a website on the
10 Internet or its successor, the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall, at
11 least 3 working days before the Legislative Commission ~~for the~~
12 ~~Subcommittee to Review Regulations~~ holds a meeting to review
13 temporary regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0633 or adopted
14 regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.067 or 233B.0675, post on its
15 website a list of the regulations that the Legislative Commission ~~for~~
16 ~~the Subcommittee to Review Regulations~~ will review at the
17 meeting, unless the Legislative Counsel Bureau is unable to do so
18 because of technical problems relating to the operation or
19 maintenance of its website.

20 **Sec. 25.** NRS 233B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 233B.070 1. A permanent regulation becomes effective when
22 the Legislative Counsel files with the Secretary of State the original
23 of the final draft or revision of a regulation, except as otherwise
24 provided in NRS 293.247 or where a later date is specified in the
25 regulation.

26 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 233B.0633, an agency
27 that has adopted a temporary regulation may not file the temporary
28 regulation with the Secretary of State until 35 days after the date on
29 which the temporary regulation was adopted by the agency. A
30 temporary regulation becomes effective when the agency files with
31 the Secretary of State the original of the final draft or revision of the
32 regulation, together with the informational statement prepared
33 pursuant to NRS 233B.066. The agency shall also file a copy of the
34 temporary regulation with the Legislative Counsel, together with the
35 informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066.

36 3. An emergency regulation becomes effective when the
37 agency files with the Secretary of State the original of the final draft
38 or revision of an emergency regulation, together with the
39 informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066 **H and**
40 **a copy of the written statement of the emergency endorsed by the**
41 **Governor pursuant to NRS 233B.0613.** The agency shall also file a
42 copy of the emergency regulation with the Legislative Counsel,
43 together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS
44 233B.066 **H and a copy of the written statement of the emergency**
45 **endorsed by the Governor pursuant to NRS 233B.0613.**



4. The Secretary of State shall maintain the original of the final draft or revision of each regulation in a permanent file to be used only for the preparation of official copies.

5. The Secretary of State shall file, with the original of each agency's rules of practice, the current statement of the agency concerning the date and results of its most recent review of those rules.

6. Immediately after each permanent or temporary regulation is filed, the agency shall deliver one copy of the final draft or revision, bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State indicating that it has been filed, including material adopted by reference which is not already filed with the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator, to the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator for use by the public. If the agency is a licensing board as defined in NRS 439B.225 and it has adopted a permanent regulation relating to standards for the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits or certificates of registration issued to a person or facility regulated by the agency, the agency shall also deliver one copy of the regulation, bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State, to the Legislative Committee on Health Care within 10 days after the regulation is filed with the Secretary of State.

7. Each agency shall furnish a copy of all or part of that part of the Nevada Administrative Code which contains its regulations, to any person who requests a copy, and may charge a reasonable fee for the copy based on the cost of reproduction if it does not have money appropriated or authorized for that purpose.

8. An agency which publishes any regulations included in the Nevada Administrative Code shall use the exact text of the regulation as it appears in the Nevada Administrative Code, including the leadlines and numbers of the sections. Any other material which an agency includes in a publication with its regulations must be presented in a form which clearly distinguishes that material from the regulations.

Sec. 26. NRS 233B.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.100 1. Any interested person may petition an agency requesting the adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of any regulation and shall accompany the petition with relevant data, views and arguments. Each agency shall prescribe by regulation the form for such petitions and the procedure for their submission, consideration and disposition. Upon submission of such a petition, the agency shall within 30 days either deny the petition in writing, stating its reasons, or initiate regulation-making proceedings.

2. Any regulation of any agency is subject to ~~amendment~~ :

(a) **Amendment** or suspension by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of NRS 416.060.



(b) Suspension or nullification by the Legislative Commission pursuant to Section 1 of Article 3 of the Nevada Constitution and NRS 233B.0395 to 233B.120, inclusive, and sections 10 and 11 of this act.

Sec. 27. NRS 233B.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.105 1. A small business that is aggrieved by a regulation adopted by an agency on or after January 1, 2000, may object to all or a part of the regulation by filing a petition with the agency that adopted the regulation within 90 days after the date on which the regulation was adopted. An agency which receives such a petition shall transmit a copy of the petition to the Legislative Counsel for submission to the Legislative Commission . ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067.~~

2. A petition filed pursuant to subsection 1 may be based on the following grounds:

(a) The agency failed to prepare a small business impact statement as required pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 and 233B.0609; or

(b) The small business impact statement prepared by the agency pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 and 233B.0609 is inaccurate, incomplete or did not adequately consider or significantly underestimated the economic effect of the regulation on small businesses.

3. After receiving a petition pursuant to subsection 1, an agency shall determine whether the petition has merit. If the agency determines that the petition has merit, the agency may, pursuant to this chapter, take action to amend the regulation to which the small business objected.

Sec. 28. NRS 233B.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.110 1. The validity or applicability of any regulation may be determined in a proceeding for a declaratory judgment in the district court in and for Carson City, or in and for the county where the plaintiff resides, when it is alleged that the regulation, or its proposed application, interferes with or impairs, or threatens to interfere with or impair, the legal rights or privileges of the plaintiff. A declaratory judgment may be rendered after the plaintiff has first requested the agency to pass upon the validity of the regulation in question. The court shall declare the regulation invalid if it finds that it violates constitutional or statutory provisions or exceeds the statutory authority of the agency. The agency whose regulation is made the subject of the declaratory action shall be made a party to the action.

2. An agency may institute an action for declaratory judgment to establish the validity of any one or more of its own regulations.



3. Actions for declaratory judgment provided for in subsections 1 and 2 shall be in accordance with the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (chapter 30 of NRS), and the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. In all actions under subsections 1 and 2, the plaintiff shall serve a copy of the complaint upon the Attorney General, who is also entitled to be heard.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the Legislative Commission to suspend or nullify a regulation pursuant to Section 1 of Article 3 of the Nevada Constitution and NRS 233B.0395 to 233B.120, inclusive, and sections 10 and 11 of this act.

Sec. 29. NRS 514A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

514A.110 A permanent regulation adopted by the:

1. Nevada Tax Commission, pursuant to NRS 360.090, concerning any taxation related to the extraction of any mineral in this State, including, without limitation, the taxation of the net proceeds pursuant to chapter 362 of NRS and Section 5 of Article 10 of the Nevada Constitution;

2. Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry for mine health and safety pursuant to NRS 512.131;

3. Commission on Mineral Resources pursuant to NRS 513.063, 513.094 or 519A.290; and

4. State Environmental Commission pursuant to NRS 519A.160,

↪ is not effective unless it is reviewed by the Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission before it is approved pursuant to chapter 233B of NRS by the Legislative Commission . ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067.~~ After conducting its review of the regulation, the Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission shall provide a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the regulation to the Legislative Counsel for submission to the Legislative Commission . ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations, as appropriate.~~

Sec. 29.5. Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 160 of this session is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. NRS 233B.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.060 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 233B.061, before adopting, amending or repealing:

(a) A permanent regulation, the agency must, after receiving the approved or revised text of the proposed



1 regulation prepared by the Legislative Counsel pursuant to
2 NRS 233B.063:

3 (1) If it is the first hearing on the regulation, give at
4 least 30 days' notice of its intended action, unless a shorter
5 period of notice is specifically permitted by statute. When
6 posted, the agency must include notice that the regulation that
7 is posted on the Internet website of the agency 3 working
8 days before the hearing will be the regulation considered. The
9 agency shall ensure that the regulation to be considered at the
10 hearing is posted on the Internet website of the agency 3
11 working days before the hearing.

12 (2) If it is the second or subsequent hearing on the
13 regulation, including, without limitation, a subsequent
14 hearing on an adopted regulation that has not been approved
15 by the Legislative Commission ~~for the Subcommittee to~~
16 ~~Review Regulations~~ pursuant to NRS 233B.067, in order to
17 approve a revision to the regulation, give at least 3 working
18 days' notice of its intended action.

19 (b) A temporary regulation, the agency must give at least
20 30 days' notice of its intended action, unless a shorter period
21 of notice is specifically permitted by statute.

22 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if an
23 agency has adopted a temporary regulation after notice and
24 the opportunity for a hearing as provided in this chapter, it
25 may adopt, after providing a second notice and the
26 opportunity for a hearing, a permanent regulation, but the
27 language of the permanent regulation must first be approved
28 or revised by the Legislative Counsel and the adopted
29 regulation must be approved by the Legislative Commission .
30 ~~for the Subcommittee to Review Regulations appointed~~
31 ~~pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 233B.067.~~

32 3. If the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada has
33 adopted a temporary regulation after notice and the
34 opportunity for a hearing as provided in this chapter, it may
35 adopt a substantively equivalent permanent regulation
36 without further notice or hearing, but the language of the
37 permanent regulation must first be approved or revised by the
38 Legislative Counsel and the adopted regulation must be
39 approved by the Legislative Commission . ~~for the~~
40 ~~Subcommittee to Review Regulations.~~

41 **Sec. 30.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

