

SENATE BILL NO. 201—SENATORS PARKS, RATTI, FORD, ATKINSON,
SPEARMAN; CANCELA, CANNIZZARO, DENIS, FARLEY,
MANENDO, SEGERBLOM AND WOODHOUSE

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NEAL, COHEN; BROOKS, FLORES, KRASNER,
OHRENSCHALL, SWANK, THOMPSON AND YEAGER

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to conversion therapies.
(BDR 54-301)

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 health care professionals; prohibiting certain
health care professionals from providing sexual
orientation or gender identity conversion therapy to a
minor; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law regulates homeopathic physicians, advanced practitioners of
- 2 homeopathy, homeopathic assistants and certain mental health professionals
- 3 including psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists,
- 4 certain registered nurses and certain licensed clinical or independent social workers.
- 5 (Chapters 630, 630A, 632, 633 and 641-641B of NRS) This bill prohibits
- 6 homeopathic physicians, advanced practitioners of homeopathy, homeopathic
- 7 assistants and certain mental health professionals from providing sexual orientation
- 8 or gender identity conversion therapy to a person who is under 18 years of age.



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

Section 1. Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A psychotherapist shall not provide any conversion therapy to a person who is under 18 years of age regardless of the willingness of the person or his or her parent or legal guardian to authorize such therapy.

2. Any violation of subsection 1 is a ground for disciplinary action by a state board that licenses a psychotherapist as defined in subsection 3.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Conversion therapy" means any practice or treatment that seeks to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a person, including, without limitation, a practice or treatment that seeks to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward persons of the same gender. The term does not include counseling that:

(1) Provides assistance to a person undergoing gender transition; or

(2) Provides acceptance, support and understanding of a person or facilitates a person's ability to cope, social support and identity exploration and development, including, without limitation, an intervention to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices that is neutral as to the sexual-orientation of the person receiving the intervention and does not seek to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of the person receiving the intervention.

(b) "Psychotherapist" means:

(1) A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State pursuant to chapter 630;

(2) A homeopathic physician, advanced practitioner of homeopathy or homeopathic assistant licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 630A or NRS;

(3) A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State pursuant to chapter 633;

(4) A psychologist licensed to practice in this State pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS;

(5) A social worker licensed in this State as an independent social worker or a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;

(6) A registered nurse holding a master's degree in the field of psychiatric nursing and licensed to practice professional nursing in this State pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS;



1 *(7) A marriage and family therapist or clinical professional*
2 *counselor licensed in this State pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;*
3 *or*

4 *(8) A person who provides counseling services as part of his*
5 *or her training for any of the professions listed in subparagraphs*
6 *(1) to (7), inclusive.*

7 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

8 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
9 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
10 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

11 2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

