

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 204—ASSEMBLYMEN HARDY,
LEAVITT; AND TITUS

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HARDY
AND HAMMOND

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to health care.
(BDR 54-932)

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 prescription drugs; revising provisions governing chart orders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides that hospitals, facilities for intermediate care and facilities for skilled nursing which are licensed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services may use chart orders to authorize the administration of a drug to a patient. (NRS 639.004) **Section 1** of this bill defines a recovery center and adds it to the list of facilities that may use a chart order.

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

Section 1. NRS 639.004 is hereby amended to read as follows:
639.004 “Chart order” means an order entered on the chart of a patient in a hospital, *recovery center*, facility for intermediate care or facility for skilled nursing which is licensed as such by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services or on the chart of a patient under emergency treatment in a hospital by a practitioner or on the written



1 or oral order of a practitioner authorizing the administration of a
2 drug to the patient. *As used in this section, “recovery center”*
3 *means any public or private facility that provides only short-term*
4 *care, not to exceed 72 hours, to a person recovering from surgery,*
5 *which is licensed as such by the Division of Public and Behavioral*
6 *Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.*
7 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

