

Senate Bill No. 68–Committee on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public safety; providing for the expedited granting of certain provisional registrations to volunteer providers of health or veterinary services while an emergency declaration is in effect; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act authorizes a provider of health or veterinary services who is registered with a registration system for volunteer health practitioners to provide health or veterinary services in Nevada for an entity operating in Nevada that uses voluntary health practitioners in certain circumstances relating to an emergency, including while an emergency declaration is in effect. (Chapter 415A of NRS) This bill provides for the expedited granting of provisional registration through that registration system to a volunteer provider of health or veterinary services while an emergency declaration is in effect. This bill requires the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety to adopt regulations which provide for the procedures for the granting of such provisional registration.

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 415A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

415A.190 This chapter applies to ~~volunteer~~ :

1. Volunteer health practitioners who are registered with a registration system that complies with NRS 415A.210 and who provide health or veterinary services in this State for a host entity:

~~1.1~~ **(a)** While an emergency declaration is in effect;

~~1.2~~ **(b)** While participating in required training exercises to prepare for the declaration of an emergency; or

~~1.3~~ **(c)** When responding to an event with the reasonable expectation that the event will be declared an emergency.

2. *Volunteer health practitioners who are provisionally registered with a registration system that complies with NRS 415A.210 and who provide health or veterinary services in this State for a host entity while an emergency declaration is in effect.*

Sec. 2. NRS 415A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

415A.210 1. To qualify as a registration system for volunteer health practitioners, a system must:



(a) Accept applications for the registration of volunteer health practitioners before ~~for during~~ an emergency ~~+~~ **and for the provisional registration of volunteer health practitioners while an emergency declaration is in effect;**

(b) Include information about the licensure and standing of health practitioners which is accessible by authorized persons;

(c) Be capable of confirming the accuracy of information concerning whether a health practitioner is licensed and in good standing before the practitioner provides health services or veterinary services pursuant to this chapter; and

(d) Meet one of the following conditions:

(1) Be an emergency system for advance registration of volunteer health care practitioners established by a state and funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services under Section 319I of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 247d-7b, as amended;

(2) Be a local unit consisting of trained and equipped emergency response, public health and medical personnel formed pursuant to Section 2801 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300hh, as amended;

(3) Be operated by a:

(I) Disaster relief organization;

(II) Licensing board;

(III) National or regional association of licensing boards or health practitioners;

(IV) Health facility that provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient health care services, including, without limitation, a hospital; or

(V) Governmental entity; or

(4) Be designated by the Division as a registration system for the purposes of this chapter.

2. While an emergency declaration is in effect, the Division, a person authorized to act on behalf of the Division or a host entity may confirm whether volunteer health practitioners utilized in this State are registered **or provisionally registered** with a registration system that complies with subsection 1. Confirmation is limited to obtaining identities of the practitioners from the system and determining whether the system indicates that the practitioners are licensed and in good standing.

3. Upon the request of a person or entity in this State authorized to do so pursuant to subsection 2, or a similarly authorized person or entity in another state, a registration system located in this State must notify the person or entity of the identities



of volunteer health practitioners and whether the practitioners are licensed and in good standing.

4. A host entity is not required to use the services of a volunteer health practitioner even if the practitioner is registered *or provisionally registered* with a registration system which indicates that the practitioner is licensed and in good standing.

5. The Division shall adopt regulations which provide for the expedited granting of provisional registration to volunteer health practitioners while an emergency declaration is in effect.

Sec. 3. NRS 415A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

415A.220 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, while an emergency declaration is in effect, a volunteer health practitioner who is registered *or provisionally registered* with a registration system that complies with NRS 415A.210 and who is licensed and in good standing in the state upon which the practitioner's registration *or provisional registration* is based may practice in this State to the extent authorized by this chapter, as though the practitioner were licensed in this State.

2. A volunteer health practitioner qualified under subsection 1 is not entitled to the protections of this chapter if the practitioner is licensed in more than one state and any license of the practitioner is suspended, revoked or subject to an agency order limiting or restricting practice privileges, or has been voluntarily terminated under threat of sanction.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

