

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR**

**Eighty-First Session
February 26, 2021**

The Committee on Commerce and Labor was called to order by Chair Sandra Jauregui at 11:59 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021, Online. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Chair
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Venicia Considine
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman
Assemblywoman Bea Duran
Assemblyman Edgar Flores
Assemblyman Jason Frierson
Assemblywoman Melissa Hardy
Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama
Assemblywoman Susie Martinez
Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola
Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst
Terri McBride, Committee Manager
Paris Smallwood, Committee Secretary
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Jauregui:

[Roll was called. Committee protocols were explained.] On our agenda today we have a work session on four bills, [Assembly Bill 4](#), [Assembly Bill 18](#), [Assembly Bill 73](#), and [Assembly Bill 91](#). We have our policy analyst Marjorie Paslov-Thomas here to walk us through the work session, and we can get started with the work session on [Assembly Bill 4](#).

[Assembly Bill 4](#): Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association. (BDR 57-314)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

The work session document was uploaded to NELIS [Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System] and the first bill is [Assembly Bill 4](#). [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from [Exhibit C](#).] This revises provisions relating to the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association. It was sponsored by the Committee on behalf of the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and it was heard on February 17, 2021. [Assembly Bill 4](#) makes various changes concerning the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association. Among other things, the bill:

- Limits the claims that may be asserted against a person insured by a policy issued by an insolvent insurer;
- Adds various types of insurance products designed to protect the interests of a creditor arising out of a creditor-debtor transaction to the types of insurance that are not covered by the Guaranty Association and describes certain coverages under warranties and service contracts that are not covered by the Guaranty Association;
- Amends the types of claims that are covered by the Guaranty Association, extends the claim filing deadline from 18 months to 25 months, and lowers the net worth threshold for first-party claims, which are claims made by insureds, to \$10 million; and
- Changes the amount of the Guaranty Association's obligation to pay a covered claim by reducing the limit to \$10,000 for each policy if the claim is for the return of unearned premiums and provides that the Guaranty Association is not bound by settlements or releases that were executed or entered within 12 months before an order of liquidation.

There is one amendment that was discussed during the hearing provided by the Division of Insurance along with the Nevada Justice Association. It is to amend subsection 1(f) of section 9 of the bill to provide that the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association is not bound

by a settlement entered into within the 12-month period before an order of liquidation only if the settlement has not yet been funded. Thank you.

Chair Jauregui:

I will entertain a motion on Assembly Bill 4.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND
AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 4.

ASSEMBLYMAN FLORES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Do I have any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblywoman Martinez. The next item on our agenda is a work session on Assembly Bill 18.

Assembly Bill 18: Revises provisions relating to contracts of insurance and casualty insurance. (BDR 57-315)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 18 revises provisions relating to contracts of insurance and casualty insurance. [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from [Exhibit D](#)]. It was sponsored by the Committee on behalf of the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry and was also heard on February 17, 2021. Assembly Bill 18 authorizes an insurer who offers a liability insurance policy covering the use of a passenger car to offer uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage in amounts greater or less than the amount of the limits of coverage for bodily injury provided by the policy. This bill also eliminates the limitation on the maximum amount of uninsured vehicle coverage that may be provided by a motor vehicle liability insurance policy. Finally, the bill provides that certain notice requirements do not apply to a policy upon renewal if the changes to the policy's provisions are favorable to the policy holder. There is one proposed amendment by the Division of Insurance and the Nevada Justice Association. It would be to delete section 1 of the bill, which would authorize an insurer who offers a liability insurance policy covering the use of a passenger car to offer uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage in amounts greater or less than the amount of the limits of coverage for bodily injury provided by the policy.

I would like to point out that the Chair noticed that, in the attached amendment provided by the Division of Insurance, the summary says to delete section 9(f). There is no section 9, so I think this meant to say section 1. The Commissioner of Insurance is available if you have any questions.

Chair Jauregui:

Committee Members, any discussion or questions? [There were none.] Seeing no questions, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND
AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 18.

ASSEMBLYMAN FLORES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Considine. The next item on our agenda is a work session on Assembly Bill 73.

Assembly Bill 73: Revises provisions relating to the licensure of dietitians. (BDR 54-259)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 73 revises provisions relating to the licensure of dietitians. [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from Exhibit E]. It was sponsored by the Committee on behalf of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services. It was also heard on February 17, 2021. Assembly Bill 73 requires an applicant for a license to practice dietetics to provide evidence that he or she is a registered dietitian in good standing with the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. A person who is eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians, but who has not successfully completed the exam, may practice dietetics under the direct supervision of a licensed dietitian. The bill removes the requirement that a licensed dietitian who fails to apply for the renewal of his or her license within two years after the date of the expiration of the license must take the Registration Examination for Dietitians before renewing his or her license. Also, the measure removes the requirement that the State Board of Health establish certain fees relating to the examination of an applicant, the late renewal of a license, and the issuance of a duplicate license or for changing the name on a license.

Leticia Metherell of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services proposes the following amendments (attached):

1. Amend the bill to add new language to update the name of the Commission on Dietetic Registration and the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 640E.080, NRS 640E.090, NRS 640E.170, and NRS 640E.290). Note: Section 2 of the bill (NRS 640E.170) references the Commission and was not included in the attachment.

2. Amend section 3 of the bill to delete lines 3 through 18 on page 4 and replace with language requiring that an applicant for a provisional license must meet certain eligibility requirements to take the registration exam (the minimum college or university degree required by the Commission on Dietetic Registration to become a registered dietitian; an ACEND accredited didactic program in dietetics; and completion of an ACEND accredited dietetic internship).
3. Amend section 5 of the bill to retain the fee for changing a name on a license.

Chair Jauregui proposes the following amendment:

4. Amend the bill to add “or its successor organization” to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics and the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

Chair Jauregui:

I do want to make a quick statement. I know there had been some concern regarding grace periods when it came to the renewal of registrations and we were able to confirm that the national organization that provides the registration does provide a grace period. They send out the renewals in July and give their members seven months to pay their renewal dues.

[[Exhibit F](#) is a letter from the Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics that was submitted but not discussed and will become part of the record.]

Committee members, any discussion? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND
AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 73.

ASSEMBLYMAN FLORES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblywoman Tolles. Our next item on the agenda is a work session for Assembly Bill 91.

Assembly Bill 91: Revises provisions relating to the State Board of Nursing. (BDR 54-60)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 91 revises provisions relating to the State Board of Nursing. [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from [Exhibit G](#)]. It was sponsored by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson and heard on February 22, 2021. Assembly Bill 91 requires that at least one of

the members of the State Board of Nursing must be a licensed advanced practice registered nurse. The member representing the interests of persons or agencies that regularly provide health care to patients who are indigent, uninsured, or unable to afford health care must be a licensed registered nurse. The measure removes the limitation on the number of consecutive terms a member of the Board may serve. There are no proposed amendments.

Chair Jauregui:

Committee members, any discussion? [There was none.]

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 91.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Marzola. Thank you, Committee members. That completes our work session for today's agenda.

Our last item on the agenda is public comment. [Public comment protocols were explained.]
Is there anyone signed up to give public comment this afternoon? [There was no one.]

This concludes our meeting for today and our next meeting will be on Monday at 1:30 p.m.
We are adjourned [at 12:15 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Paris Smallwood
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 4](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 18](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 73](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit F](#) is a letter to the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor, dated February 24, 2021, submitted by the Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, regarding the proposed amendment to [Assembly Bill 73](#).

[Exhibit G](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 91](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.