

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

**Eighty-First Session
March 12, 2021**

The Committee on Commerce and Labor was called to order by Chair Sandra Jauregui at 12:20 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 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.] I am going to move us into a work session, the only item on our agenda. The work session will be on Assembly Bill 51, Assembly Bill 101, Assembly Bill 130, and Assembly Bill 173. I would like to remind the Committee members that a work session is not a rehearing of the bill and we will not be taking testimony. With that, I would like to open the work session on Assembly Bill 51, and I believe we have our policy analyst here to walk us through it.

Assembly Bill 51: Revises provisions governing the Recovery Fund administered by the State Contractors' Board. (BDR 54-324)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Thank you, Madam Chair. The first bill today is Assembly Bill 51 [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from Exhibit C]. It was sponsored by the Committee on behalf of the Nevada State Contractors' Board. It was heard on February 15, 2021, and revises provisions governing the Recovery Fund administered by the State Contractors' Board. Assembly Bill 51 defines "single-family residence" to establish eligibility to recover damages from the Recovery Fund administered by the State Contractors' Board. The bill provides that an injured person who has obtained a judgment against a residential contractor and received payment from the Fund assigns to the Board his or her rights to enforce the judgment up to the amount of the payment. The injured person retains all other applicable rights.

Additionally, the measure increases the amount of certain administrative fines the Board may impose on a residential contractor for failing to notify an owner of his or her rights relating to the Recovery Fund.

There are three amendments proposed by the Board:

1. Amend subsection 1(a) of Section 1 of the bill to provide that a detached, stand-alone dwelling as described in subsection 1(a) need only to serve as the residence for its owner, rather than be intended for habitation by one family unit, to fall within the definition of a "single-family residence."
2. Amend subsection 1(b) of Section 1 of the bill to include a "townhome or duplex" unit within the definition of a "single-family residence."
3. Amend the bill to remove subsection 2(b) of Section 1 and to add a mobile or manufactured home within the exclusions provided for in subsection 3 of Section 1, thereby making a person who suffers damages as a result of acts or omissions of a contractor performing work on any mobile or manufactured home ineligible to recover from the Recovery Fund.

Chair Jauregui:

Thank you, Ms. Paslov-Thomas. The members should have received documentation from the Nevada Contractors' Board giving everyone information on the Recovery Fund that has been set up for mobile and manufactured homes through Manufactured Housing, Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry.

Members, any discussion on the vote or the bill?

Assemblywoman Tolles:

I just wanted to say thank you for the amendment, and for addressing some of the concerns that were brought forward. I am happy to support.

Chair Jauregui:

Thank you. Seeing no other discussion from members, I will take a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 51.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND
DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 51.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblywoman Duran. Our next item on the agenda is a work session for Assembly Bill 101.

Assembly Bill 101: Revises provisions governing the administration of certain substances to animals by licensed veterinarians. (BDR 54-113)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 101 was sponsored by Assemblyman Yeager and heard on February 22, 2021 [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from [Exhibit D](#)]. It revises provisions governing the administration of certain substances to animals by licensed veterinarians. Assembly Bill 101 authorizes a licensed veterinarian to administer to an animal certain products containing hemp or CBD. The veterinarian may also recommend to the owner of an animal the use of such products to treat a condition of the animal. The Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is prohibited from taking disciplinary action against a veterinarian or the facility in which the veterinarian engages in the practice of veterinary medicine for administering or recommending the use of such products. There are no proposed amendments.

Chair Jauregui:

Members, any discussion? [There was none.] I will acknowledge that you should have all received documentation answering the questions that we had during the bill hearing. Seeing no discussion, I will entertain a motion to do pass Assembly Bill 101.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 101.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

We have the bill sponsor here. I would like to thank Assemblyman Yeager; he has graciously allowed Assemblywoman Dickman to do the floor statement.

Assemblywoman Dickman:

Thank you so much, Madam Chair and Assemblyman Yeager.

Chair Jauregui:

Our next item on the agenda is the work session for Assembly Bill 130.

Assembly Bill 130: Revises provisions governing insurance. (BDR 57-780)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 130 revises provisions governing insurance [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from [Exhibit E](#)]. It was sponsored by Assemblyman Flores and heard on March 1, 2021. Assembly Bill 130 requires an insurance company to offer in a policy that covers motorcycles, the same optional coverage for the payment of reasonable and necessary medical expenses resulting from a crash that an insurance company is currently required to offer in a policy that covers passenger cars. The bill also requires that the amount paid by the insurance company for reasonable and necessary medical expenses under such coverage be based on the usual and customary charges for the locality where the medical expenses were incurred. Finally, the measure clarifies that certain provisions of policies that allow for a premium reduction if the vehicle is equipped with or contains certain safety devices do not apply to motorcycles.

There are three proposed amendments:

1. Amend the bill to delete the requirement that the amount paid by the insurance company for reasonable and necessary medical expenses under such coverage be based on the usual and customary charges for the locality where the medical expenses were incurred.

2. Amend the bill to delete the definitions for health care services, provider of health care, and usual and customary charges.
3. Amend the bill to require an insurance company transacting motor vehicle insurance in Nevada to offer uninsured and underinsured coverage in an amount equal to the limits of coverage for bodily injury sold to an insured under a policy of insurance covering the use of a motorcycle.

Chair Jauregui:

Thank you, Ms. Paslov-Thomas. Members, any discussion? [There was none.] I will ask for a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 130.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 130.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARZOLA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Members, any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign that floor statement to the bill sponsor, Assemblyman Flores.

Chair Jauregui:

Members, the last item for the work session is Assembly Bill 173.

Assembly Bill 173: Revises provisions relating to professional engineers and land surveyors. (BDR 54-798)

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 173 revises provisions relating to professional engineers and land surveyors [Ms. Paslov-Thomas read from [Exhibit F](#)]. It was sponsored by the Chairwoman and it was heard on March 8, 2021. Assembly Bill 173 removes the exemption from licensure as a professional engineer for an employee of a public utility company that supplies natural gas who is engaged in a type of work for the utility that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, by regulation, has determined requires a license.

The measure also eliminates the requirement that an applicant for a license as a professional land surveyor must complete the required years of active experience in land surveying before being eligible to take the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying Examination. There are no proposed amendments.

Chair Jauregui:

Members, any discussion on Assembly Bill 173? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to do pass Assembly Bill 173.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 173.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Chair Jauregui assigned the floor statement to herself.]

Members, that takes us through our work session for this afternoon's meeting. Our last item on the agenda is public comment. [Public comment protocols were explained.] Is there anyone wishing to give public comment? [There was no one.]

Thank you, members. That concludes our meeting for today. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. We are adjourned [at 12:35 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 51](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 101](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 130](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit F](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 173](#), presented by Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.