

SENATE BILL NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES)

PREFILED OCTOBER 28, 2026

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Chief Medical
Officer. (BDR 40-151)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: 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 public health; revising the qualifications of the
Chief Medical Officer; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Human Services to appoint a Chief Medical Officer. (NRS 439.085) Existing law requires the Chief Medical Officer to perform certain duties relating to public health and oversee the operation of certain mental health facilities operated by the State. (NRS 439.130) Existing law prescribes the qualifications that a person must satisfy to serve as the Chief Medical Officer, including a requirement that the Chief Medical Officer must be: (1) licensed in good standing or eligible for licensure as a physician or administrative physician in this State, the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; or (2) a physician or administrative physician who has a master's degree or doctoral degree in public health or a related field. (NRS 439.095) This bill removes authorization for the Chief Medical Officer to be a physician or an administrative physician who has a master's degree or doctoral degree in public health or a related field, thereby requiring the Chief Medical Officer to be licensed or eligible for licensure as a physician in this State, the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.



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

Section 1. NRS 439.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.095 The Chief Medical Officer must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States;

2. Have not less than 5 years' experience in behavioral health
or public health in a managerial or supervisory capacity; and

3. Be ~~licensed~~

~~—(a) Licensed~~ *licensed* in good standing or eligible for a license
as a physician or administrative physician in Nevada, ~~or~~

~~—(b) Licensed in good standing or eligible for a license as a
physician or administrative physician in~~ the District of Columbia or
~~in~~ any state or territory of the United States. ~~or~~

~~—(c) A physician or administrative physician who has a master's
degree or doctoral degree in public health or a related field.]~~

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.

