

SENATE BILL NO. 116—SENATOR HARDY

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Provides for establishment of electronic death registry system. (BDR 40-832)

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 public health; requiring the State Board of Health to establish an electronic death registry system; requiring that the statement of the cause of death in a medical certificate of death be submitted to the electronic death registry system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The State Board of Health is required to provide a system for the registration of
2 births and deaths. (NRS 440.120) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Board to
3 establish and maintain an electronic death registry system that contains each
4 statement of the cause of death submitted by a person who signs a medical
5 certificate of death. **Section 2** of this bill requires each person who signs a medical
6 certificate of death to submit the statement of the cause of death to the electronic
7 death registry system and to attest to the statement by electronic signature.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 440.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 440.120 1. The Board shall provide an adequate system for
3 the registration of births and deaths by adopting and enforcing
4 regulations prescribing the method and form of making such
5 registration.
6 2. *The Board shall establish and maintain an electronic death*
7 *registry system. The electronic death registry system must include,*
8 *without limitation, each statement of the cause of death submitted*



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1 *by a person who signs a medical certificate of death as required by*
2 *NRS 440.380.*

3 **3.** The State Registrar shall carry into effect the regulations and
4 orders of the Board.

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 440.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 440.380 1. The medical certificate of death must be signed
7 by the physician, if any, last in attendance on the deceased, or
8 pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board, it may be signed by
9 the attending physician's associate physician, the chief medical
10 officer of the hospital or institution in which the death occurred, or
11 the pathologist who performed an autopsy upon the deceased. The
12 person who signs the medical certificate of death shall specify:

13 (a) The social security number of the deceased.

14 (b) The hour and day on which the death occurred.

15 (c) The cause of death, so as to show the cause of disease or
16 sequence of causes resulting in death, giving first the primary cause
17 of death or the name of the disease causing death, and the
18 contributory or secondary cause, if any, and the duration of each.

19 2. In deaths in hospitals or institutions, or of nonresidents, the
20 physician shall furnish the information required under this section,
21 and may state where, in the physician's opinion, the disease was
22 contracted.

23 **3.** *The person who signs the medical certificate of death*
24 *pursuant to subsection 1 shall submit electronically the statement*
25 *of the cause of death to the electronic death registry system*
26 *established pursuant to NRS 440.120 and shall attest to the*
27 *statement by means of an electronic signature.*

28 **4.** *As used in this section, "electronic signature" means an*
29 *electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically*
30 *associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with*
31 *the intent to sign the record.*

32 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

