

SENATE BILL NO. 500—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises the requirements for licensure as a facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs. (BDR 40-1160)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

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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 requirements for licensure as a facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a person is required to obtain a license from the Division of  
2 Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services  
3 before operating a facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs. (NRS  
4 449.030, 449.089) Existing law defines a “facility for the treatment of abuse of  
5 alcohol or drugs,” in part, as a public or private establishment that is certified by the  
6 Division on the basis of standards established by the Division. Any facility which is  
7 not certified is ineligible to receive state and federal money for alcohol and drug  
8 abuse programs. (NRS 449.00455, 458.025) This bill eliminates the requirement  
9 that a facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs needs to be certified by  
10 the Division as a prerequisite to obtaining a license to operate the facility.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 449.00455 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3 449.00455 “Facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or  
4 drugs” means any public or private establishment which provides  
5 residential treatment, including mental and physical restoration, of



1 abusers of alcohol or drugs . ~~and which is certified by the Division~~  
2 ~~pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 458.025.~~ It does not include a  
3 medical facility or services offered by volunteers or voluntary  
4 organizations.

5 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

