Senate Bill No. 500–Committee on Finance

CHAPTER.....

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:

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

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets formitted material; is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. NRS 449.00455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.00455 "Facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs" means any public or private establishment which provides residential treatment, including mental and physical restoration, of abusers of alcohol or drugs. [and which is certified by the Division pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 458.025.] It does not include a medical facility or services offered by volunteers or voluntary organizations.

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



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