

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS  
MINUTES OF MEETING #12

MARCH 14, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Senator Walker in the chair.

PRESENT:            Senator Neal  
                  Senator Herr  
                  Senator Drakulich  
                  Senator Swobe  
                  Senator Young  
                  Senator Raggio

AB 183:        Makes foster home licensing requirement applicable  
                  to parent-supported placement.     (BDR38-42)

                  Mrs. Handley Chief, Family and Children's  
Services, Welfare Division, testified on this bill, requesting  
revision as follows:     (Refer to Exhibit B hereto attached).

page 1 - line 14... after "neighbor's, friend's.." delete [,] relative's...  
          line 15... after "irregular.. delete [,] and add  
                  "or....". After "occasional.." delete  
                  "and nonrecurring..."  
          line 16,.. After the word "exceed..." strike out "60"  
                  and insert "90"...". After "days.", strike  
                  out "A relative is a parent, grandparent,  
                  brother, sister, stepparent, stepsister,  
          line 17... uncle, aunt, first cousin."

Mrs. Handley explained the purpose of this was to exclude those  
families who were supporting the children they had taken into  
their homes. This was to differentiate between day care centers  
and foster homes or full-time care.

Mr. Braswell expressed his support of this amendment.

Senator Drakulich moved for a "Do Pass" on AB 183. Senator Herr  
seconded the motion, and it was so carried.

AB 213 Clarifies the authority of state and local health officers to supervise, inspect and regulate institutions. (BDR 40-54)

Mr. Henrikson, State Fire Marshall's Advisory Board, introduced Mr. James Edmundson, Public Health Rating and Survey Officer; requested amendment of this bill as indicated on the first reprint - a copy of which is hereto attached.

Senator Neal moved for "Do Pass", Senator Herr seconded, and said motion was so carried.

Senator Walker made note referring to SB 189, of the name change from Nevada State Hospital to Nevada Mental Health Institute, which would necessitate amending page 1, line 6 to conform with this name change.

SB 248 Amends provisions relating to pharmacies, pharmacists and hospitals. (BDR 54-958).

Senator Herr opposed this bill, disapproving of untrained personnel per se.

Ms. Greene asked if she would change her mind if the provisions herein were limited to hospitals, to which she replied "yes", but made it clear that that would be the extent of her concession.

Senator Walker requested that further discussion be held over until such time as the reprint had been returned.

SB 311 Permits medical services to provide minor women 16 years of age or older with family planning services without parental consent. (Referred back to committee from floor.)

Senator Walker informed the committee that this bill wouldn't pass on the floor as amended (re: meeting #11) and that changing the age back to 16 would be advisable.

Senator Neal moved to rescind committee's previous action on the amendment.

The motion to rescind was defeated, Senators Raggio, Walker, Young, Swobe and Drakulich voting "no".

Discussion followed as to the rules of procedure, the main points in question being (a) after a bill has been

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referred back to committee from the floor, is the previous action of the committee invalidated; and (b) what are the rules regarding rescinding previous action?

Senator Young raised a point of order, and Mr. Wooster was called in for counsel. His comments will be available for the next meeting.

AB 363 Expands state authority to contract with local narcotic addiction treatment clinics.

Chairman Walker read the bill, (a copy of which is hereto attached), called for a vote as amended, which was carried unanimously as "Do Pass".

AB 429: Provides that no casket is required for delivery of a dead body for cremation.

After brief discussion, Senator Neal moved for "Do Pass"; motion was unanimously carried.

SB 192 Amends special probation program for juveniles subsidized by State of Nevada. (BDR 16-798).

Mr. Frank Sullivan, Director, Probation Department for the County of Washoe spoke, requesting deletion of "state supported" from page 1, line 19, saying that probation subsidy was a dangerous game.

Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that since the health department is responsible to Senate Finance Committee as far as having the answers or being able to account for funds disbursed, that he must have some means of determining if said monies are being abused. He stated that he did not want to change the formula - rather, is requesting legal means for accountability of funds spent.

Senator Walker inquired that if this bill were passed, would it be possible for Mr. Wahrenbrock, along with county officials and district judges to examine the financial expenditures two years from now, and be able to determine if the program is working or is not? Mr. Wahrenbrock replied in the affirmative.

Further discussion followed.

Senator Swobe moved for "Do Pass" with amendment as requested. Senator Herr seconded and the motion was duly carried. Senators Raggio, Young and Walker opposed.

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SB 257 Enlarges provisions for emergency medical care. (BDR 3-923).

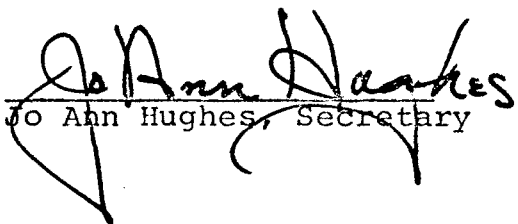
Senator Walker informed the committee that there was a question regarding SB 257 (passed March 12, 1973 Minutes #11); that was whether or not to allow the words "paramedics" in place of "emergency medical assistants". The committee voted to allow said amendment as stated.

TRANSCENDENTAL  
MEDITATION  
RESOLUTION

Senator Walker introduced Mr. Dave Lewis, an instructor of Transcendental Meditation, who explained to the committee the basic concepts. He asked that the resolution, hereto attached as Exhibit C be recommended to the Department of Comprehensive Health Planning for investigation and study. After discussion, the committee agreed to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo Ann Hughes, Secretary

APPROVED:

Lee E. Walker, Chairman



The Welfare Division recommends AB183 as amended (First Reprint)  
be revised as follows:

Lines 14 through 17 to read -

1. Care is provided only for a neighbor's or friend's child on  
an irregular or occasional basis for a brief period of time, not  
to exceed 90 days.

Delete, "A relative is a parent, grandparent, brother, sister,  
stepparent, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin."



# Nevada Legislature

## SENATE

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON

#### HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Transcendental Meditation is a simple natural technique of gaining deep rest and relaxation which is easily learned; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of Eastchester, New York public schools has noted that students who practice Transcendental Meditation seem to use fewer drugs and improve their grades and relationships with parents, teachers and other students; and

WHEREAS, Transcendental Meditation has been an alternative to drug use in some cases and preliminary studies indicate that Transcendental Meditation shows some promise of being a positive and effective drug prevention program; and

WHEREAS, Physiological experiments provide evidence that persons who have regularly practiced Transcendental Meditation (twice daily for 15 - 20 minutes) from one week to greater lengths of time do reach a wakeful lowered metabolic rate characterized by a subjective feeling of conscious relaxation, and continuing research indicates strong possibilities that this state may have applications to treatment of psychosomatic illnesses and preventative medicine; and

WHEREAS, Through the efforts of the Students International Meditation Society, a non-profit educational organization, credit courses in the Science of Creative Intelligence, the practical aspect of which is T.M., have been offered at many of the largest universities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under a World Plan, 350 teaching centers of the Science of Creative Intelligence are being founded in the largest cities throughout the United States and the world, one of which is to be located in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of these centers is the training of teachers to accomplish the objectives of the Science of Creative Intelligence which are:

- (1) to develop the full potential of the individual.
- (2) to improve governmental achievements.
- (3) to realize the highest ideal of education.
- (4) to solve the problems of crime, drug abuse, and all behavior that brings unhappiness to

- (5) to maximize the intelligent use of the environment.
- (6) to bring fulfillment to the economic aspirations of individuals and society.
- (7) to achieve the spiritual goals of mankind in this generation; and

WHEREAS, The whole thrust of the programs of the students of the International Meditation Society is to aid in the practical development of happy and productive citizens through their teaching of Transcendental Meditation as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi throughout the world; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions of the Fifty-seventh Session of the Nevada State Legislature, that all educational institutions, especially those under State of Nevada jurisdiction, be strongly encouraged to study the feasibility of courses in Transcendental Meditation and the Science of Creative Intelligence (SCI) on their campuses and in their facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Comprehensive Health Planning of the State of Nevada be encouraged to study the benefits of T.M. and insofar as the Drug Abuse Section deems it to be practical and medically wise, to incorporate the course in T.M. in drug abuse programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Superintendent of Public Instruction; The Deans of all State Universities; The Department of Comprehensive Health Planning, State of Nevada, to inform them of the possibilities of the programs herein mentioned; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution also be sent to the Students' International Meditation Society and to his Holiness, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, founder of the Science of Creative Intelligence, and to students and teachers of Transcendental Meditation in the State of Nevada, trained by his Holiness, to encourage them in their endeavors and advise them of our interest in their program.

Adopted by

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(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 183

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 183—MESSRS. BENNETT  
AND VERGIELS

JANUARY 31, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Makes foster home licensing requirement applicable to parent-supported placement. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-42)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend NRS 424.090, relating to applicability of licensing requirement of foster homes by providing exemption from licensing of certain homes where occasional care is provided and where care is provided by the legal guardian, or for an exchange student or other child to provide certain educational opportunities, or for a child pending adoption.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 424.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 424.090 [1. NRS 424.010 to 424.100, inclusive, shall not apply  
3 to homes in which children are placed by their own parents or legal  
4 guardians, and where the total cost of care is provided by the parents or  
5 guardians.  
6 2. The provisions of NRS 424.010 to 424.100, inclusive, relating to  
7 the licensing of foster homes shall not apply to any home wherein any  
8 child or children is or are received, cared for and maintained pending  
9 completion of proceedings for adoption of such child or children by the  
10 person or persons maintaining the home if all other children received,  
11 cared for and maintained in such home are related by blood, adoption or  
12 marriage to the person or persons maintaining the home.] *NRS 424.010*  
13 *to 424.100, inclusive, shall not apply to homes in which:*  
14 1. *Care is provided only for a neighbor's, friend's, or relative's child*  
15 *on an irregular, occasional, and nonrecurring basis for a brief period of*  
16 *time, not to exceed 60 days. A relative is a parent, grandparent, brother,*  
17 *sister, stepparent, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin.*  
18 2. *Care is provided by the legal guardian.*  
19 3. *Care is provided for an exchange student.*  
20 4. *Care is provided to enable a child to take advantage of educational*  
21 *facilities that are not available in his home community.*

- 1 5. Any child or children are received, cared for and maintained pend-
- 2 ing completion of proceedings for adoption of such child or children,
- 3 except as provided for in NRS 127.280.

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(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 213

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 213—MR. GETTO (by request)

FEBRUARY 5, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Clarifies the authority of state and local health offices to supervise, inspect and regulate institutions. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-54)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public health; clarifying the authority of the health division of the state department of health, welfare and rehabilitation, and the district and county health offices, to supervise, inspect and regulate institutions.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 444.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 2 444.330 1. The health [authority] *division* shall have supervision  
 3 over the sanitation, healthfulness, cleanliness and safety, *as it pertains to*  
 4 *the foregoing matters*, of the following state institutions:  
 5 (a) Nevada state prison.  
 6 (b) Nevada [state hospital] Mental Health Institute  
 7 (c) Nevada youth training center.  
 8 (d) Nevada state children's home.  
 9 (e) Nevada girls training center.  
 10 (f) [Public school] gymnasiums.  
 11 (g) Every public school, and particularly those schools which partic-  
 12 ipate in the school lunch program in the State of Nevada.] *University*  
 13 *of Nevada System*.  
 14 2. The state board of health [is empowered to] *may* adopt, prom-  
 15 ulgate and enforce rules and regulations pertaining thereto as [shall be  
 16 deemed] *are* necessary to promote properly the sanitation, healthfulness,  
 17 cleanliness and safety, *as it pertains to the foregoing matters*, of such  
 18 institutions.  
 19 3. The [health authority] *state health officer or his duly authorized*  
 20 *agent* shall inspect such institutions at least once each calendar year and  
 21 whenever in his discretion he deems an inspection necessary to carry out  
 22 the provisions of this section. [; but inspections of public schools and  
 23 gymnasiums shall be made at least twice a year, such inspections to take  
 24 place immediately preceding the opening of each new semester.

- 1 4. A report of the findings upon such inspection or inspections shall  
2 be made to the state board of health within 20 days following such inspec-  
3 tion or inspections. The state board of health may from time to time, in  
4 its discretion, publish the reports of such inspections.】  
5 4. *The state health officer may publish reports of such inspections.*  
6 5. 【Any person or persons in charge】 *All persons charged with the*  
7 *duty of maintenance and operation of the institutions named in this sec-*  
8 *tion shall operate such institutions in conformity with the rules and regu-*  
9 *lations relating to sanitation, healthfulness, cleanliness and safety, as it*  
10 *pertains to the foregoing matters, adopted and promulgated by the state*  
11 *board of health.*  
12 6. 【For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section the  
13 health authority shall have full power and authority to】 *The state health*  
14 *officer or his duly authorized agent may, in implementing the provisions*  
15 *of this section, enter upon any and all parts of the premises of any of the*  
16 *institutions named in this section over which he has jurisdiction, 【to make*  
17 *examinations and investigations】 to determine the sanitary conditions of*  
18 *such places and to determine whether the provisions of this section and*  
19 *the rules and regulations of the state board of health pertaining thereto*  
20 *are being violated.*  
21 SEC. 2. Chapter 444 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
22 new section which shall read as follows:  
23 1. *The health authority shall have supervision over the sanitation,*  
24 *healthfulness, cleanliness and safety, as it pertains to the foregoing mat-*  
25 *ters, of the following city, county and private institutions:*  
26 (a) *Jails, correctional institutions, and other institutions performing*  
27 *similar functions;*  
28 (b) *Schools; and*  
29 (c) *School gymnasiums.*  
30 2. *The state board of health may adopt, promulgate and enforce rules*  
31 *and regulations pertaining thereto as are necessary to promote properly*  
32 *the sanitation, healthfulness, cleanliness and safety, as it pertains to the*  
33 *foregoing matters, of such institutions.*  
34 3. *The health authority shall inspect such institutions at least once*  
35 *each calendar year and at such other times as, in its discretion, it deems*  
36 *an inspection necessary to carry out the provisions of this section; except*  
37 *that inspections of schools and gymnasiums shall be made at least twice*  
38 *each year, once during each semester.*  
39 4. *A report of the findings of such inspection or inspections shall be*  
40 *made to the health officer within 20 days following such inspection. The*  
41 *health officer may from time to time, in his discretion, publish the reports*  
42 *of such inspections.*  
43 5. *All persons charged with the duty of maintenance and operation*  
44 *of the institutions named in this section shall operate such institutions in*  
45 *conformity with rules and regulations relating to sanitation, healthfulness,*  
46 *cleanliness and safety, as it pertains to the foregoing matters, adopted and*  
47 *promulgated by the state board of health.*  
48 6. *The health authority may, in implementing the provisions of this*

1 *section, enter upon any and all parts of the premises of any of the insti-*  
2 *tutions named in this section over which it has jurisdiction, to determine*  
3 *the sanitary conditions of such places and to determine whether the pro-*  
4 *visions of this section and the rules and regulations of the state board*  
5 *of health pertaining thereto are being violated.*

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A. B. 363

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 363—MESSRS. BENNETT, CRAWFORD,  
HAYES, ULLOM AND LOWMAN

FEBRUARY 21, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Expands state authority to contract with local narcotic addiction treatment clinics. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-1005)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to narcotic addicts; expanding the authority of the health division of the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation to cooperate and contract with approved local addiction treatment clinics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. NRS 453.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 453.680 The division may:  
3 [1. Cooperate and contract with any agency of the Federal Govern-  
4 ment or other states or any political subdivision in carrying out the  
5 purposes of NRS 453.600 to 453.730, inclusive; and]  
6 1. *Cooperate and contract with:*  
7 (a) *Any agency of the Federal Government;*  
8 (b) *Other states;*  
9 (c) *Any political subdivision; or*  
10 (d) *Any local addiction treatment clinic whose program meets the*  
11 *requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and the Bureau of*  
12 *Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, and which is approved by the divi-*  
13 *sion,*  
14 *in carrying out the purposes of NRS 453.600 to 453.730, inclusive; and*  
15 2. Accept any aid, grants, gifts, devises or bequests from any public  
16 or private source.

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**A. B. 429**

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 429—MESSRS. GETTO, DINI, GLOVER, HAYES, CRADDOCK, ULLOM, CAPURRO, BROADBENT, CRAWFORD, BENNETT, SMITH, DREYER, HUFF, MESSDAMES FORD, GOJACK, MR. MELLO, MISS FOOTE, MESSRS. BREMNER, FRY, SMALLEY, TORVINEN, VERGIELS, BANNER, HICKEY, PRINCE, BARENGO, BICKERSTAFF AND HOWARD

FEBRUARY 27, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Provides that no casket is required for delivery of a dead body for cremation. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-982)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to dead bodies; providing that no casket is required for delivery of a body for cremation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 451 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:  
3 *No crematory shall make or enforce any rules requiring that human*  
4 *remains be placed in a casket before cremation or that human remains be*  
5 *cremated in a casket, nor shall a crematory refuse to accept human*  
6 *remains for cremation because they are not in a casket. This section does*  
7 *not prohibit a crematory requiring some type of container or disposal unit*  
8 *for cremation. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misde-*  
9 *meanor.*

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