
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 349—ASSEMBLYMEN OHRENSCHALL,
CLABORN AND BUCKLEY

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning older Nevadans.
(BDR 38-973)

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 older persons; requiring training and education in geriatrics and gerontology as a condition for licensing certain health care professionals and for persons who work in long-term care facilities; removing the limitation on the number of hearings that the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum may hold; 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 427A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. A person licensed to provide health care must, as a***
4 ***condition of obtaining a license or renewing a license, receive***
5 ***training and education in geriatrics and gerontology. A person***
6 ***who is employed by a licensed facility for long-term care but who***
7 ***is not required to be licensed must receive such training and***
8 ***education as a condition of licensure of the facility.***
9 ***2. The training and education required pursuant to this***
10 ***section must include, but is not limited to:***
11 ***(a) The skills and knowledge that the person needs to address***
12 ***aging issues;***
13 ***(b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons,***
14 ***including both didactic and clinical approaches;***



1 (c) *The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of*
2 *the aging process; and*

3 (d) *The importance of maintenance of function and*
4 *independence for older persons.*

5 3. *The training and education required pursuant to this*
6 *section must constitute at least 10 percent of the total curriculum*
7 *for a person who is licensed to provide health care. If 50 percent*
8 *or more of a person’s practice involves older persons, the training*
9 *and education must constitute at least 25 percent of his required*
10 *hours of continuing training or education for renewal of his*
11 *license.*

12 4. *The Administrator and the Director shall work in*
13 *cooperation with:*

14 (a) *The appropriate occupational licensing boards, for persons*
15 *licensed to provide health care; and*

16 (b) *The State Board of Health, for persons employed by*
17 *licensed facilities for long-term care,*
18 *to develop the training and education programs required pursuant*
19 *to this section. Each board shall adopt the programs as a part of*
20 *its requirements for licensure and the renewal of licenses of*
21 *persons licensed to provide health care or of facilities for long-*
22 *term care.*

23 5. *As used in this section, “person licensed to provide health*
24 *care” means a person who is required to obtain a license pursuant*
25 *to chapter 630, 631, 632, 633, 637B, 639, 640, 640A, 641, 641B or*
26 *654 of NRS.*

27 **Sec. 2.** NRS 427A.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 427A.380 **1.** The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum
29 may, within the limits of legislative appropriations and any gifts,
30 grants or donations received by the Forum:

31 ~~1.1~~ (a) During the period in which the Legislature is not in a
32 regular session, hold three public hearings in three different areas of
33 this state and may hold ~~[an additional public hearing]~~ **additional**
34 **public hearings** in any area of this state . ~~[to prepare the report~~
35 ~~authorized by NRS 427A.390.~~

36 ~~2. Comply]~~

37 (b) *During the period in which the Legislature is in a regular*
38 *session, meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the*
39 *Forum.*

40 (c) *Form committees, which may meet as often as necessary to*
41 *conduct the business of the Forum.*

42 2. *The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum and its*
43 *committees shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of*
44 *NRS.*



1 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become
2 effective on July 1, 2003.
3 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2003, for
4 the purpose of developing the training and educational programs
5 required by that section and on July 1, 2004, for all other purposes.

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