

SENATE BILL NO. 284—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

MARCH 13, 2003

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning public hospitals.
(BDR 40-245)

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 health care; prohibiting a public hospital from charging a fee that is below the cost of providing a service to a patient who is not indigent; providing that certain information on costs for services provided by public hospitals is public; 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 450 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Any fee, rate or charge for a service rendered by or***
4 ***through a facility of a public hospital to a patient who is not***
5 ***indigent must be equal to or greater than the total cost of the***
6 ***service.***
7 ***2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a public***
8 ***hospital shall make information concerning the total cost of a***
9 ***service provided by a facility of the public hospital to a patient who***
10 ***is not indigent public and open to inspection pursuant to the***
11 ***provisions of NRS 239.010. A public hospital shall not make***
12 ***public the name of, or other personal identifying information***
13 ***about, a person pursuant to this subsection.***
14 ***3. As used in this section “total cost of the service” means the***
15 ***full direct costs and allocated indirect costs associated with the***



1 *provision of the service consistent with generally accepted*
2 *accounting principles. These costs include, without limitation,*
3 *costs incurred for salaries, contract labor, employee benefits,*
4 *supplies, professional fees, repairs and maintenance, rents and*
5 *leases, utilities, insurance, bad debt, taxes and other operating*
6 *expenses.*

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 450.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 450.010 For the purposes of NRS 450.010 to 450.510,
9 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* “taxpayers” include only citizens
10 of the United States of the age of 18 years and upward who, at the
11 time of filing their petition, are registered electors of the county in
12 which an election is proposed to be held and whose names appear
13 on the latest assessment roll of the county as owners of real or
14 personal property.

15 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

