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SENATE BILL NO. 337—SENATORS WIENER, RAWSON,  
WASHINGTON, TITUS, AMODEI, CARE, MATHEWS AND  
MCGINNESS

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to dispensing or distributing drugs via the Internet. (BDR 40-590)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

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AN ACT relating to drugs; revising certain provisions relating to dispensing or distributing drugs via the Internet; prohibiting certain acts relating to filling or refilling a prescription via the Internet; clarifying that a person may fill or refill a prescription via the Internet within the time prescribed by law; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is committed to providing a  
2 safe and convenient method for its residents to fill prescriptions via  
3 the Internet; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada must protect its residents by  
5 ensuring the quality of drugs that are used to fill prescriptions via  
6 the Internet; and

7 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of Nevada to prevent  
8 prescriptions from being filled with drugs of questionable quality  
9 that are obtained from foreign countries and dispensed to the  
10 residents of this state via the Internet; now, therefore,

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



1       **Section 1.** Chapter 453 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *A person who is located within or outside this state shall*  
4 *not, via the Internet, fill or refill a prescription drug if:*

5       (a) *The person has reasonable cause to believe that the*  
6 *prescription is being filled or refilled for a person in this state; and*

7       (b) *The prescription drug has not been lawfully imported into*  
8 *the United States.*

9       2. *A person who is located within or outside this state shall*  
10 *not, via the Internet, fill or refill a prescription drug if:*

11       (a) *The person has reasonable cause to believe that the*  
12 *prescription is being filled or refilled for a person in this state; and*

13       (b) *The prescription was not delivered to the person in*  
14 *accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations*  
15 *and standards.*

16       3. *A person shall not knowingly aid another person in any act*  
17 *or transaction that violates any provision of this section.*

18       4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a person who*  
19 *violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category C*  
20 *felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.*

21       5. *A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty*  
22 *of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in*  
23 *the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 3 years and a*  
24 *maximum term of not more than 15 years, and may be further*  
25 *punished by a fine of not more than \$100,000, if the substance or*  
26 *drug involved:*

27       (a) *Is classified in schedule I; or*

28       (b) *Proximately causes substantial bodily harm to or the death*  
29 *of the intended recipient of the substance or drug or any other*  
30 *person.*

31       6. *The court shall not grant probation to or suspend the*  
32 *sentence of a person punished pursuant to subsection 5.*

33       7. *A person may be prosecuted, convicted and punished for a*  
34 *violation of this section whether or not the person is prosecuted,*  
35 *convicted or punished for violating any other specific statute based*  
36 *upon the same act or transaction.*

37       **Sec. 2.** NRS 453.146 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38       453.146 1. The Board shall administer the provisions of NRS  
39 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* and may add  
40 substances to or delete or reschedule all substances enumerated in  
41 schedules I, II, III, IV and V by regulation.

42       2. In making a determination regarding a substance, the Board  
43 shall consider the following:

44       (a) The actual or relative potential for abuse;



- 1 (b) The scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if
- 2 known;
- 3 (c) The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the
- 4 substance;
- 5 (d) The history and current pattern of abuse;
- 6 (e) The scope, duration and significance of abuse;
- 7 (f) The risk to the public health;
- 8 (g) The potential of the substance to produce psychic or
- 9 physiological dependence liability; and
- 10 (h) Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a
- 11 controlled substance.

12 3. The Board may consider findings of the federal Food and  
13 Drug Administration or the Drug Enforcement Administration as  
14 prima facie evidence relating to one or more of the determinative  
15 factors.

16 4. After considering the factors enumerated in subsection 2, the  
17 Board shall make findings with respect thereto and adopt a  
18 regulation controlling the substance if it finds the substance has a  
19 potential for abuse.

20 5. The Board shall designate as a controlled substance a steroid  
21 or other product which is used to enhance athletic performance,  
22 muscle mass, strength or weight without medical necessity. The  
23 Board may not designate as a controlled substance an anabolic  
24 steroid which is:

- 25 (a) Expressly intended to be administered through an implant to
- 26 cattle, poultry or other animals; and
- 27 (b) Approved by the Food and Drug Administration for such
- 28 use.

29 **Sec. 3.** NRS 453.211 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 453.211 1. The Board shall:

- 31 (a) Review the schedules annually and maintain a list of current
- 32 schedules.
- 33 (b) Upon the revision of a schedule, cause a copy of the revised
- 34 schedule to be sent to each district attorney, public defender and
- 35 judge in the State of Nevada.

36 (c) Make copies of the list of current schedules available to  
37 members of the public upon request. The Board may charge a  
38 reasonable fee for providing the copies.

39 2. Failure to publish revised schedules is not a defense in any  
40 administrative or judicial proceeding under NRS 453.011 to  
41 453.552, inclusive ~~(f)~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

42 **Sec. 4.** NRS 453.2182 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 453.2182 If a substance is designated, rescheduled or deleted  
44 as a controlled substance pursuant to federal law, the Board shall  
45 similarly treat the substance pursuant to the provisions of NRS



1 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* after the  
2 expiration of 60 days from publication in the Federal Register of a  
3 final order designating a substance as a controlled substance or  
4 rescheduling or deleting a substance or from the date of issuance of  
5 an order of temporary scheduling under Section 508 of the federal  
6 Dangerous Drug Diversion Control Act of 1984, 21 U.S.C. §  
7 811(h), unless within the 60-day period, the Board or an interested  
8 party objects to the treatment of the substance. If no objection is  
9 made, the Board shall adopt, without making the determinations or  
10 findings required by subsections 1 to 4, inclusive, of NRS 453.146  
11 or NRS 453.166, 453.176, 453.186, 453.196 or 453.206, a final  
12 regulation treating the substance. If an objection is made, the Board  
13 shall make a determination with respect to the treatment of the  
14 substance as provided by subsections 1 to 4, inclusive, of NRS  
15 453.146. Upon receipt of an objection to the treatment by the Board,  
16 the Board shall publish notice of the receipt of the objection, and  
17 action by the Board is stayed until the Board adopts a regulation as  
18 provided by subsection 4 of NRS 453.146.

19 **Sec. 5.** NRS 453.219 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 453.219 A controlled substance analog, to the extent intended  
21 for human consumption, must be treated, for the purposes of NRS  
22 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* as a  
23 substance included in schedule I. Within 30 days after the initiation  
24 of prosecution with respect to a controlled substance analog by  
25 indictment or information, the district attorney shall notify the  
26 Board of information relevant to scheduling by extraordinary  
27 regulation as provided for in NRS 453.2184. If the Board finally  
28 determines that the controlled substance analog should not be  
29 scheduled, no prosecution relating to that substance as a controlled  
30 substance analog may be commenced or continued.

31 **Sec. 6.** NRS 453.233 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 453.233 Upon the conviction of any person required to be  
33 registered under the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552,  
34 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* of a violation of any federal or  
35 state law relating to any controlled substance, the prosecuting  
36 attorney shall cause copies of the judgment of conviction to be sent  
37 to the Board and to any other licensing agency by whom the  
38 convicted person has been licensed or registered under the laws of  
39 the State of Nevada to engage in the practice of his business or  
40 profession.

41 **Sec. 7.** NRS 453.246 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 453.246 Persons registered to dispense controlled substances  
43 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive,  
44 *and section 1 of this act* shall keep records and maintain inventories  
45 in conformance with the recordkeeping and inventory requirements



1 of state and federal law and with any additional regulations the  
2 Board issues.

3 **Sec. 8.** NRS 453.266 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
4 453.266 1. Issuance and execution of *an* administrative  
5 *warrant for* inspection ~~{warrants shall}~~ *must* be as follows:

6 (a) A magistrate, within his jurisdiction, and upon proper oath or  
7 affirmation showing probable cause, may issue warrants for the  
8 purpose of conducting administrative inspections authorized by the  
9 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
10 *this act* or regulations of the Board or Division, and seizures of  
11 property appropriate to the inspections. For purposes of the issuance  
12 of administrative inspection warrants, probable cause exists upon  
13 showing a valid public interest in the effective enforcement of the  
14 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
15 *this act* or regulations of the Board or Division, sufficient to justify  
16 administrative inspection of the area, premises, building or  
17 conveyance in the circumstances specified in the application for the  
18 warrant.

19 (b) A warrant ~~{shall}~~ *must* issue only upon an affidavit of an  
20 officer or employee of the Board or Division having knowledge of  
21 the facts alleged, sworn to before the magistrate and establishing the  
22 grounds for issuing the warrant. If the magistrate is satisfied that  
23 grounds for the application exist or that there is probable cause to  
24 believe they exist, he shall issue a warrant identifying the area,  
25 premises, building or conveyance to be inspected, the purpose of the  
26 inspection, and, if appropriate, the type of property to be inspected,  
27 if any.

28 2. The warrant ~~{shall:}~~ *must:*

29 (a) State the grounds for its issuance and the name of each  
30 person whose affidavit has been taken in support thereof;

31 (b) Be directed to a person authorized to execute it;

32 (c) Command the person to whom it is directed to permit the  
33 inspection of the area, premises, building or conveyance identified  
34 for the purpose specified and, if appropriate, direct the seizure of the  
35 property specified;

36 (d) Identify the item or types of property to be seized, if any;  
37 and

38 (e) Direct that it be served during normal business hours and  
39 designate the magistrate to whom it shall be returned.

40 3. A warrant issued pursuant to this section ~~{shall}~~ *must* be  
41 executed and returned within 10 days of its date of issuance unless,  
42 upon a showing of a need for additional time, the magistrate orders  
43 otherwise.



1 4. If property is seized pursuant to a warrant, a copy ~~shall~~  
2 *must* be given to the person from whom or from whose premises the  
3 property is taken, together with a receipt for the property taken.

4 5. The return of the warrant ~~shall~~ *must* be made promptly,  
5 accompanied by a written inventory of any property taken. The  
6 inventory ~~shall~~ *must* be made in the presence of the person  
7 executing the warrant and of the person from whose possession or  
8 premises the property was taken, if present, or in the presence of at  
9 least one credible person other than the person executing the  
10 warrant. A copy of the inventory ~~shall~~ *must* be delivered to the  
11 person from whom or from whose premises the property was taken  
12 and to the applicant for the warrant.

13 6. The magistrate who has issued a warrant shall attach thereto  
14 a copy of the return and all papers returnable in connection  
15 therewith and file them with the clerk of the district court in the  
16 county in which the inspection was made.

17 **Sec. 9.** NRS 453.271 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 453.271 Any officer or employee of the Division designated by  
19 his appointing authority may:

20 1. Carry firearms in the performance of his official duties;  
21 2. Execute and serve search warrants, arrest warrants,  
22 administrative ~~inspection-warrants,~~ *warrants for inspections,*  
23 subpoenas and summonses issued under the authority of this state;

24 3. Make arrests without warrant for any offense under the  
25 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
26 *this act* committed in his presence, or if he has probable cause to  
27 believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is  
28 committing a violation of such sections which may constitute a  
29 felony;

30 4. Make seizures of property pursuant to the provisions of NRS  
31 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act;* or

32 5. Perform other law enforcement duties as the Division  
33 designates.

34 **Sec. 10.** NRS 453.281 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 453.281 1. It is not necessary for the State to negate any  
36 exemption or exception in the provisions of NRS 453.011 to  
37 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* in any complaint,  
38 information, indictment or other pleading or in any trial, hearing or  
39 other proceeding under such sections. The burden of proof of any  
40 exemption or exception is upon the person claiming it.

41 2. In the absence of proof that a person is the duly authorized  
42 holder of an appropriate registration or order form issued under the  
43 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1*  
44 *of this act:*



1 (a) The person is presumed not to be the holder of the  
2 registration or form; and

3 (b) The burden of proof is upon the person to rebut the  
4 presumption.

5 3. No liability is imposed by the provisions of NRS 453.011 to  
6 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* upon any authorized  
7 state, county or municipal officer engaged in the lawful performance  
8 of his duties.

9 **Sec. 11.** NRS 453.286 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 453.286 All final determinations, findings and conclusions of  
11 the Board or Division under the provisions of NRS 453.011 to  
12 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* are final and conclusive  
13 decisions of the matters involved. Any person aggrieved by the  
14 decision is entitled to judicial review of the decision in the manner  
15 provided by chapter 233B of NRS. Findings of fact by the Board or  
16 Division, if supported by substantial evidence, are conclusive.

17 **Sec. 12.** NRS 453.301 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 453.301 The following are subject to forfeiture pursuant to  
19 NRS 179.1156 to 179.119, inclusive:

20 1. All controlled substances which have been manufactured,  
21 distributed, dispensed or acquired in violation of the provisions of  
22 NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or a  
23 law of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar  
24 conduct.

25 2. All raw materials, products and equipment of any kind  
26 which are used, or intended for use, in manufacturing,  
27 compounding, processing, delivering, importing or exporting any  
28 controlled substance in violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011  
29 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or a law of any other  
30 jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar conduct.

31 3. All property which is used, or intended for use, as a  
32 container for property described in subsections 1 and 2.

33 4. All books, records and research products and materials,  
34 including formulas, microfilm, tapes and data, which are used, or  
35 intended for use, in violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to  
36 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or a law of any other  
37 jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar conduct.

38 5. All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels,  
39 which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to  
40 facilitate the transportation, concealment, manufacture or protection,  
41 for the purpose of sale, possession for sale or receipt of property  
42 described in subsection 1 or 2.

43 6. All drug paraphernalia as defined by NRS 453.554 which  
44 are used in violation of NRS 453.560, 453.562 or 453.566 or a law



1 of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar  
2 conduct, or of an injunction issued pursuant to NRS 453.558.

3 7. All imitation controlled substances which have been  
4 manufactured, distributed or dispensed in violation of the provisions  
5 of NRS 453.332 or 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive, *and section 1*  
6 *of this act* or a law of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the  
7 same or similar conduct.

8 8. All real property and mobile homes used or intended to be  
9 used by any owner or tenant of the property or mobile home to  
10 facilitate a violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552,  
11 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, except NRS 453.336, or used or  
12 intended to be used to facilitate a violation of a law of any other  
13 jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar conduct as  
14 prohibited in NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
15 *this act*, except NRS 453.336. As used in this subsection, "tenant"  
16 means any person entitled, under a written or oral rental agreement,  
17 to occupy real property or a mobile home to the exclusion of others.

18 9. Everything of value furnished or intended to be furnished in  
19 exchange for a controlled substance in violation of the provisions of  
20 NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or a  
21 law of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar  
22 conduct, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all other  
23 property used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of the  
24 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
25 *this act*, except NRS 453.336, or used or intended to be used to  
26 facilitate a violation of a law of any other jurisdiction which  
27 prohibits the same or similar conduct as prohibited in NRS 453.011  
28 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, except NRS  
29 453.336. If an amount of cash which exceeds \$300 is found in the  
30 possession of a person who is arrested for a violation of NRS  
31 453.337 or 453.338, then there is a rebuttable presumption that the  
32 cash is traceable to an exchange for a controlled substance and is  
33 subject to forfeiture pursuant to this subsection.

34 10. All firearms, as defined by NRS 202.253, which are in the  
35 actual or constructive possession of a person who possesses or is  
36 consuming, manufacturing, transporting, selling or under the  
37 influence of any controlled substance in violation of the provisions  
38 of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or a  
39 law of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar  
40 conduct.

41 11. All computer hardware, equipment, accessories, software  
42 and programs that are in the actual or constructive possession of a  
43 person who owns, operates, controls, profits from or is employed or  
44 paid by an illegal Internet pharmacy and who violates the provisions  
45 of NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or





1 a law of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the same or similar  
2 conduct.

3 **Sec. 13.** NRS 453.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 453.305 1. Whenever a person is arrested for violating any of  
5 the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1*  
6 *of this act*, except NRS 453.336, and real property or a mobile home  
7 occupied by him as a tenant has been used to facilitate the violation,  
8 the prosecuting attorney responsible for the case shall cause to be  
9 delivered to the owner of the property or mobile home a written  
10 notice of the arrest.

11 2. Whenever a person is convicted of violating any of the  
12 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
13 *this act*, except NRS 453.336, and real property or a mobile home  
14 occupied by him as a tenant has been used to facilitate the violation,  
15 the prosecuting attorney responsible for the case shall cause to be  
16 delivered to the owner of the property or mobile home a written  
17 notice of the conviction.

18 3. The notices required by this section must:

19 (a) Be written in language which is easily understood;

20 (b) Be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt  
21 requested, to the owner at his last known address;

22 (c) Be sent within 15 days after the arrest occurs or judgment of  
23 conviction is entered against the tenant, as the case may be;

24 (d) Identify the tenant involved and the offense for which he has  
25 been arrested or convicted; and

26 (e) Advise the owner that:

27 (1) The property or mobile home is subject to forfeiture  
28 pursuant to NRS 179.1156 to 179.119, inclusive, and 453.301 unless  
29 the tenant, if convicted, is evicted;

30 (2) Any similar violation by the same tenant in the future  
31 may also result in the forfeiture of the property unless the tenant has  
32 been evicted;

33 (3) In any proceeding for forfeiture based upon such a  
34 violation he will, by reason of the notice, be deemed to have known  
35 of and consented to the unlawful use of the property or mobile  
36 home; and

37 (4) The provisions of NRS 40.2514 and 40.254 authorize the  
38 supplemental remedy of summary eviction to facilitate his recovery  
39 of the property or mobile home upon such a violation and provide  
40 for the recovery of any reasonable attorney's fees he incurs in doing  
41 so.

42 4. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude the  
43 commencement of a proceeding for forfeiture or the forfeiture of the  
44 property or mobile home, whether or not the notices required by this  
45 section are given as required, if the proceeding and forfeiture are



1 otherwise authorized pursuant to NRS 179.1156 to 179.119,  
2 inclusive, and 453.301.

3 5. As used in this section, "tenant" means any person entitled  
4 under a written or oral rental agreement to occupy real property or a  
5 mobile home to the exclusion of others.

6 **Sec. 14.** NRS 453.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 453.311 1. Controlled substances listed in schedule I:

8 (a) That are possessed, transferred, sold or offered for sale in  
9 violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive,  
10 *and section 1 of this act* are contraband and ~~shall~~ *must* be seized  
11 and summarily forfeited to the State.

12 (b) Which are seized or come into the possession of the State,  
13 the owners of which are unknown, are contraband and ~~shall~~ *must*  
14 be summarily forfeited to the State.

15 2. Species of plants from which controlled substances in  
16 schedules I and II may be derived which have been planted or  
17 cultivated in violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552,  
18 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or of which the owners or  
19 cultivators are unknown, or which are wild growths, may be seized  
20 and summarily forfeited to the State.

21 3. The failure, upon demand by the Division or other law  
22 enforcement agency, or the authorized agent of either, of the person  
23 in occupancy or in control of land or premises upon which the  
24 species of plants are growing or being stored, to produce an  
25 appropriate registration, or proof that he is the holder thereof,  
26 constitutes authority for the seizure and forfeiture of the plants.

27 **Sec. 15.** NRS 453.326 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 453.326 1. It is unlawful for a person:

29 (a) To refuse or fail to make, keep or furnish any record,  
30 notification, order form, statement, invoice or information required  
31 under the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive ~~§~~, *and*  
32 *section 1 of this act;*

33 (b) To refuse an entry into any premises for any inspection  
34 authorized by the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive  
35 ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act;* or

36 (c) Knowingly to keep or maintain any store, shop, warehouse,  
37 dwelling, building, vehicle, boat, aircraft or other structure or place  
38 which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in  
39 violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive,  
40 *and section 1 of this act* for the purpose of using these substances,  
41 or which is used for keeping or selling them in violation of those  
42 sections.

43 2. A person who violates this section is guilty of a category C  
44 felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.



1       **Sec. 16.** NRS 453.3363 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       453.3363 1. If a person who has not previously been  
3 convicted of any offense pursuant to NRS 453.011 to 453.552,  
4 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or pursuant to any statute of the  
5 United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, marijuana, or  
6 stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic substances tenders a plea of  
7 guilty, guilty but mentally ill, nolo contendere or similar plea to a  
8 charge pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 of NRS 453.336, NRS 453.411  
9 or 454.351, or is found guilty of one of those charges, the court,  
10 without entering a judgment of conviction and with the consent of  
11 the accused, may suspend further proceedings and place him on  
12 probation upon terms and conditions that must include attendance  
13 and successful completion of an educational program or, in the case  
14 of a person dependent upon drugs, of a program of treatment and  
15 rehabilitation pursuant to NRS 453.580.  
16       2. Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter a  
17 judgment of conviction and proceed as provided in the section  
18 pursuant to which the accused was charged. Notwithstanding the  
19 provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 193.130, upon  
20 violation of a term or condition, the court may order the person to  
21 the custody of the Department of Corrections.  
22       3. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall  
23 discharge the accused and dismiss the proceedings against him. A  
24 nonpublic record of the dismissal must be transmitted to and  
25 retained by the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department  
26 of Public Safety solely for the use of the courts in determining  
27 whether, in later proceedings, the person qualifies under this section.  
28       4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, discharge and  
29 dismissal under this section is without adjudication of guilt and is  
30 not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of  
31 employment, civil rights or any statute or regulation or license or  
32 questionnaire or for any other public or private purpose, but is a  
33 conviction for the purpose of additional penalties imposed for  
34 second or subsequent convictions or the setting of bail. Discharge  
35 and dismissal restores the person discharged, in the contemplation  
36 of the law, to the status occupied before the arrest, indictment or  
37 information. He may not be held thereafter under any law to be  
38 guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of  
39 failure to recite or acknowledge that arrest, indictment, information  
40 or trial in response to an inquiry made of him for any purpose.  
41 Discharge and dismissal under this section may occur only once  
42 with respect to any person.  
43       5. A professional licensing board may consider a proceeding  
44 under this section in determining suitability for a license or liability  
45 to discipline for misconduct. Such a board is entitled for those



1 purposes to a truthful answer from the applicant or licensee  
2 concerning any such proceeding with respect to him.

3 **Sec. 17.** NRS 453.346 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 453.346 1. If a violation of NRS 453.011 to 453.552,  
5 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* is a violation of a federal law or  
6 the law of another state, a conviction or acquittal under federal law  
7 or the law of another state for the same act is a bar to prosecution in  
8 this state.

9 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit any licensing  
10 board within this state from proceeding administratively to suspend  
11 or revoke any certificate, license or permit held by any person who  
12 has been convicted of a violation of any federal or state controlled  
13 substance law.

14 **Sec. 18.** NRS 453.3635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 453.3635 1. The provisions of NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648,  
16 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* do not apply to a person who is:

17 ~~1.~~ (a) A common or contract carrier or warehouseman, or an  
18 employee thereof, unless the person is acting outside of the usual  
19 course of his business or employment and knows or has reasonable  
20 cause to believe that the act or transaction is unlawful.

21 ~~2.~~ (b) The intended recipient of a substance or drug, unless the  
22 intended recipient knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the  
23 act or transaction is unlawful.

24 2. *The provisions of NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive,*  
25 *and section 1 of this act do not prohibit a person from filling or*  
26 *refilling a prescription for a prescription drug during the period in*  
27 *which the prescription is valid pursuant to NRS 453.256 if the*  
28 *person is otherwise authorized by the provisions of NRS 453.011*  
29 *to 453.552, inclusive, and section 1 of this act to dispense or*  
30 *distribute the prescription drug.*

31 **Sec. 19.** NRS 453.3648 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 453.3648 1. The Attorney General has concurrent jurisdiction  
33 with the district attorneys of this state for the enforcement of the  
34 provisions of NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive ~~1.~~, *and section*  
35 *1 of this act.*

36 2. The Attorney General may investigate and prosecute a  
37 practitioner or any other person who violates the provisions of:

38 (a) NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive ~~1.~~, *and section 1 of*  
39 *this act;* and

40 (b) Any other statute if the violation is committed by the  
41 practitioner or person in the course of committing a violation  
42 described in paragraph (a).

43 3. When acting pursuant to this section, the Attorney General  
44 may commence his investigation and file a criminal action without



1 leave of court, and the Attorney General has exclusive charge of the  
2 conduct of the prosecution.

3 **Sec. 20.** NRS 453.381 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 453.381 1. In addition to the limitations imposed by NRS  
5 453.256 and 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive, *and section 1 of this*  
6 *act*, a physician, physician assistant, dentist, advanced practitioner  
7 of nursing or podiatric physician may prescribe or administer  
8 controlled substances only for a legitimate medical purpose and in  
9 the usual course of his professional practice, and he shall not  
10 prescribe, administer or dispense a controlled substance listed in  
11 schedule II for himself, his spouse or his children except in cases of  
12 emergency.

13 2. A veterinarian, in the course of his professional practice  
14 only, and not for use by a human being, may prescribe, possess and  
15 administer controlled substances, and he may cause them to be  
16 administered by a veterinary technician under his direction and  
17 supervision.

18 3. A euthanasia technician, within the scope of his license, and  
19 not for use by a human being, may possess and administer sodium  
20 pentobarbital.

21 4. A pharmacist shall not fill an order which purports to be a  
22 prescription if he has reason to believe that it was not issued in the  
23 usual course of the professional practice of a physician, physician  
24 assistant, dentist, advanced practitioner of nursing, podiatric  
25 physician or veterinarian.

26 5. Any person who has obtained from a physician, physician  
27 assistant, dentist, advanced practitioner of nursing, podiatric  
28 physician or veterinarian any controlled substance for administration  
29 to a patient during the absence of the physician, physician assistant,  
30 dentist, advanced practitioner of nursing, podiatric physician or  
31 veterinarian shall return to him any unused portion of the substance  
32 when it is no longer required by the patient.

33 6. A manufacturer, wholesale supplier or other person legally  
34 able to furnish or sell any controlled substance listed in schedule II  
35 shall not provide samples of such a controlled substance to  
36 registrants.

37 7. A salesman of any manufacturer or wholesaler of  
38 pharmaceuticals shall not possess, transport or furnish any  
39 controlled substance listed in schedule II.

40 8. A person shall not dispense a controlled substance in  
41 violation of a regulation adopted by the Board.

42 **Sec. 21.** NRS 453.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 453.541 The criminal sanction provided in NRS 453.011 to  
44 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* does not apply to that  
45 plant of the genus *Lophophora* commonly known as peyote when



1 such drug is used as the sacrament in religious rites of any bona fide  
2 religious organization.

3 **Sec. 22.** NRS 453.551 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
4 453.551 All agents or inspectors of the Board or Division,  
5 peace officers, and the Attorney General, district attorneys and their  
6 deputies while investigating violations of the provisions of NRS  
7 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* in  
8 performance of their official duties, and any person working under  
9 their immediate direction, supervision or instruction are immune  
10 from prosecution under the provisions of such sections for acts  
11 which would otherwise be unlawful under such provisions but  
12 which are reasonably necessary in the performance of their official  
13 duties.

14 **Sec. 23.** NRS 453.552 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
15 453.552 1. Any penalty imposed for violation of NRS  
16 453.011 to 453.551, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* is in  
17 addition to, and not in lieu of, any civil or administrative penalty or  
18 sanction otherwise authorized by law.

19 2. Any violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.551,  
20 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* where no other penalty is  
21 specifically provided, is a misdemeanor.

22 **Sec. 24.** NRS 453.553 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
23 453.553 1. In addition to any criminal penalty imposed for a  
24 violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive,  
25 *and section 1 of this act*, any person who unlawfully sells,  
26 manufactures, delivers or brings into this state, possesses for sale or  
27 participates in any way in a sale of a controlled substance listed in  
28 schedule I, II or III or who engages in any act or transaction in  
29 violation of the provisions of NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive,  
30 *and section 1 of this act* is subject to a civil penalty for each  
31 violation. This penalty must be recovered in a civil action, brought  
32 in the name of the State of Nevada by the Attorney General or by  
33 any district attorney in a court of competent jurisdiction.

34 2. As used in this section and NRS 453.5531, 453.5532 and  
35 453.5533:

36 (a) "Each violation" includes a continuous or repetitive violation  
37 arising out of the same act.

38 (b) "Sell" includes exchange, barter, solicitation or receipt of an  
39 order, transfer to another for sale or resale and any other transfer for  
40 any consideration or a promise obtained directly or indirectly.

41 (c) "Substitute" means a substance which:

42 (1) Was manufactured by a person who at the time was not  
43 currently registered with the Secretary of Health and Human  
44 Services; and



1 (2) Is an imitation of or intended for use as a substitute for a  
2 substance listed in schedule I, II or III.

3 **Sec. 25.** NRS 453.5531 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 453.5531 1. The State of Nevada is entitled, in a civil action  
5 brought pursuant to NRS 453.553 involving marijuana, to a civil  
6 penalty in an amount:

7 (a) Not to exceed \$350,000, if the quantity involved is 100  
8 pounds or more, but less than 2,000 pounds.

9 (b) Not to exceed \$700,000, if the quantity involved is 2,000  
10 pounds or more, but less than 10,000 pounds.

11 (c) Not to exceed \$1,000,000, if the quantity involved is 10,000  
12 pounds or more.

13 2. The State of Nevada is entitled, in a civil action brought  
14 pursuant to NRS 453.553 involving a controlled substance, except  
15 marijuana, which is listed in schedule I or a substitute therefor, to a  
16 civil penalty in an amount:

17 (a) Not to exceed \$350,000, if the quantity involved is 4 grams  
18 or more, but less than 14 grams.

19 (b) Not to exceed \$700,000, if the quantity involved is 14 grams  
20 or more, but less than 28 grams.

21 (c) Not to exceed \$1,000,000, if the quantity involved is 28  
22 grams or more.

23 3. The State of Nevada is entitled, in a civil action brought  
24 pursuant to NRS 453.553 involving a controlled substance which is  
25 listed in schedule II or III or a substitute therefor, to a civil penalty  
26 in an amount:

27 (a) Not to exceed \$350,000, if the quantity involved is 28 grams  
28 or more, but less than 200 grams.

29 (b) Not to exceed \$700,000, if the quantity involved is 200  
30 grams or more, but less than 400 grams.

31 (c) Not to exceed \$1,000,000, if the quantity involved is 400  
32 grams or more.

33 4. Unless a greater civil penalty is authorized by another  
34 provision of this section, the State of Nevada is entitled, in a civil  
35 action brought pursuant to NRS 453.553 involving any act or  
36 transaction in violation of the provisions of NRS 453.3611 to  
37 453.3648, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* to a civil penalty in an  
38 amount not to exceed \$350,000.

39 **Sec. 26.** NRS 453.5533 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 453.5533 1. A civil action brought pursuant to NRS 453.553  
41 must be brought within 3 years after the conduct in violation of the  
42 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
43 *this act* occurs.

44 2. Such a civil action is not barred by a prior acquittal of the  
45 defendant in a criminal action arising out of the same act,



1 transaction or occurrence. A final judgment or decree rendered in  
2 favor of the State in any criminal proceeding arising out of the same  
3 act, transaction or occurrence estops the defendant in a subsequent  
4 civil action from denying the essential allegations of the criminal  
5 offense.

6 **Sec. 27.** NRS 453.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7 453.570 The amount of a controlled substance needed to  
8 sustain a conviction of a person for an offense prohibited by the  
9 provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
10 *this act* is that amount necessary for identification as a controlled  
11 substance by a witness qualified to make such identification.

12 **Sec. 28.** NRS 40.2514 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
13 40.2514 A tenant of real property or a mobile home for a term  
14 less than life is guilty of an unlawful detainer when he:

- 15 1. Assigns or sublets the leased premises contrary to the  
16 covenants of the lease;
- 17 2. Commits or permits waste thereon;
- 18 3. Sets up or carries on therein or thereon any unlawful  
19 business;
- 20 4. Suffers, permits or maintains on or about the premises any  
21 nuisance; or
- 22 5. Violates any of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552,  
23 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, except NRS 453.336, therein or  
24 thereon,  
25 and remains in possession after service upon him of 3 days' notice  
26 to quit.

27 **Sec. 29.** NRS 40.254 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
28 40.254 Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, in  
29 addition to the remedy provided in NRS 40.251 and in NRS 40.290  
30 to 40.420, inclusive, when the tenant of a dwelling unit which is  
31 subject to the provisions of chapter 118A of NRS, part of a low-rent  
32 housing program operated by a public housing authority, a mobile  
33 home or a recreational vehicle is guilty of an unlawful detainer, the  
34 landlord is entitled to the summary procedures provided in NRS  
35 40.253 except that:

- 36 1. Written notice to surrender the premises must:
  - 37 (a) Be given to the tenant in accordance with the provisions of  
38 NRS 40.280;
  - 39 (b) Advise the tenant of the court that has jurisdiction over the  
40 matter; and
  - 41 (c) Advise the tenant of his right to contest the notice by filing  
42 within 5 days an affidavit with the court that has jurisdiction over  
43 the matter that he is not guilty of an unlawful detainer.
- 44 2. The affidavit of the landlord or his agent submitted to the  
45 justice's court or the district court must contain:





- 1 (a) The date when the tenancy commenced, the term of the
- 2 tenancy, and, if any, a copy of the rental agreement.
- 3 (b) The date when the tenancy or rental agreement allegedly
- 4 terminated.
- 5 (c) The date when the tenant became subject to the provisions of
- 6 NRS 40.251 to 40.2516, inclusive, together with any supporting
- 7 facts.
- 8 (d) The date when the written notice was given, a copy of the
- 9 notice and a statement that notice was served in accordance with
- 10 NRS 40.280.
- 11 (e) A statement that the claim for relief was authorized by law.
- 12 3. If the tenant is found guilty of unlawful detainer as a result
- 13 of his violation of any of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552,
- 14 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, except NRS 453.336, the
- 15 landlord is entitled to be awarded any reasonable attorney's fees
- 16 incurred by the landlord or his agent as a result of a hearing, if any,
- 17 held pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 40.253 wherein the tenant
- 18 contested the eviction.
- 19 **Sec. 30.** NRS 179.1164 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 20 179.1164 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
- 21 the following property is subject to seizure and forfeiture in a
- 22 proceeding for forfeiture:
- 23 (a) Any proceeds attributable to the commission or attempted
- 24 commission of any felony.
- 25 (b) Any property or proceeds otherwise subject to forfeiture
- 26 pursuant to NRS 179.121, 200.760, 202.257, 453.301 or 501.3857.
- 27 2. Property may not, to the extent of the interest of any
- 28 claimant, be declared forfeited by reason of an act or omission
- 29 shown to have been committed or omitted without the knowledge,
- 30 consent or willful blindness of the claimant.
- 31 3. Unless the owner of real property or a mobile home:
- 32 (a) Has given the tenant notice to surrender the premises
- 33 pursuant to NRS 40.254 within 90 days after the owner receives
- 34 notice of a conviction pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 453.305; or
- 35 (b) Shows the court that he had good cause not to evict the
- 36 tenant summarily pursuant to NRS 40.254,
- 37 the owner of real property or a mobile home used or intended for
- 38 use by a tenant to facilitate any violation of the provisions of NRS
- 39 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, except NRS
- 40 453.336, is disputably presumed to have known of and consented to
- 41 that use if the notices required by NRS 453.305 have been given in
- 42 connection with another such violation relating to the property or
- 43 mobile home. The holder of a lien or encumbrance on the property
- 44 or mobile home is disputably presumed to have acquired his interest
- 45 in the property for fair value and without knowledge or consent to



1 such use, regardless of when the act giving rise to the forfeiture  
2 occurred.

3 **Sec. 31.** NRS 639.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
4 639.070 1. The Board may:

5 (a) Adopt such regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this  
6 state, as are necessary for the protection of the public, appertaining  
7 to the practice of pharmacy and the lawful performance of its duties.

8 (b) Adopt regulations requiring that prices charged by retail  
9 pharmacies for drugs and medicines which are obtained by  
10 prescription be posted in the pharmacies and be given on the  
11 telephone to persons requesting such information.

12 (c) Adopt regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this  
13 state, authorizing the Secretary to issue certificates, licenses and  
14 permits required by this chapter and chapters 453 and 454 of NRS.

15 (d) Adopt regulations governing the dispensing of poisons,  
16 drugs, chemicals and medicines.

17 (e) Regulate the practice of pharmacy.

18 (f) Regulate the sale and dispensing of poisons, drugs, chemicals  
19 and medicines.

20 (g) Regulate the means of recordkeeping and storage, handling,  
21 sanitation and security of drugs, poisons, medicines, chemicals and  
22 devices, including, but not limited to, requirements relating to:

23 (1) Pharmacies, institutional pharmacies and pharmacies in  
24 correctional institutions;

25 (2) Drugs stored in hospitals; and

26 (3) Drugs stored for the purpose of wholesale distribution.

27 (h) Examine and register, upon application, pharmacists and  
28 other persons who dispense or distribute medications whom it  
29 deems qualified.

30 (i) Charge and collect necessary and reasonable fees for its  
31 services, other than those specifically set forth in this chapter.

32 (j) Maintain offices in as many localities in the State as it finds  
33 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

34 (k) Employ an attorney, inspectors, investigators and other  
35 professional consultants and clerical personnel necessary to the  
36 discharge of its duties.

37 (l) Enforce the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive,  
38 *and section 1 of this act* and enforce the provisions of this chapter  
39 and chapter 454 of NRS.

40 (m) Adopt regulations concerning the information required to be  
41 submitted in connection with an application for any license,  
42 certificate or permit required by this chapter or chapter 453 or 454  
43 of NRS.

44 (n) Adopt regulations concerning the education, experience and  
45 background of a person who is employed by the holder of a license



1 or permit issued pursuant to this chapter and who has access to  
2 drugs and devices.

3 (o) Adopt regulations concerning the use of computerized  
4 mechanical equipment for the filling of prescriptions.

5 (p) Participate in and expend money for programs that enhance  
6 the practice of pharmacy.

7 2. This section does not authorize the Board to prohibit open-  
8 market competition in the advertising and sale of prescription drugs  
9 and pharmaceutical services.

10 **Sec. 32.** NRS 639.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 639.235 1. No person other than a practitioner holding a  
12 license to practice his profession in this state may prescribe or write  
13 a prescription, except that a prescription written by a person not  
14 licensed to practice in this state but authorized by the laws of  
15 another state to prescribe shall be deemed to be a legal prescription  
16 unless the person prescribed or wrote the prescription in violation of  
17 the provisions of NRS 453.3611 to 453.3648, inclusive ~~H~~, and  
18 *section 1 of this act*.

19 2. If a prescription that is prescribed by a person who is not  
20 licensed to practice in this state, but is authorized by the laws of  
21 another state to prescribe, calls for a controlled substance listed in:

22 (a) Schedule II, the registered pharmacist who is to fill the  
23 prescription shall establish and document that the prescription is  
24 authentic and that a bona fide relationship between the patient and  
25 the person prescribing the controlled substance did exist when the  
26 prescription was written.

27 (b) Schedule III or IV, the registered pharmacist who is to fill  
28 the prescription shall establish, in his professional judgment, that the  
29 prescription is authentic and that a bona fide relationship between  
30 the patient and the person prescribing the controlled substance did  
31 exist when the prescription was written. This paragraph does not  
32 require the registered pharmacist to inquire into such a relationship  
33 upon the receipt of each such prescription.

34 **Sec. 33.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

