
SENATE BILL NO. 411—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to qualifications and appointment of State Health Officer. (BDR 40-1243)

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 public health; revising certain provisions relating to the qualifications and appointment of the State Health Officer; adding qualifications relating to the education and work experience of the State Health Officer; placing the State Health Officer in the unclassified service of the State; 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 439.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 439.090 1. The State Health Officer must:
3 (a) Be a citizen of the United States.
4 (b) Be certified, or eligible for certification, by the American
5 Board of Preventive Medicine ~~or~~ *or have a masters degree in*
6 *public health from a 4-year accredited college or university and at*
7 *least 5 years' experience in a responsible position in a local, state*
8 *or federal public health program.*
9 (c) Be licensed, or eligible for licensure, as a doctor of medicine
10 to practice in Nevada.
11 2. The Administrator must have had 2 years' experience, or the
12 equivalent, in a responsible administrative position in:



- 1 (a) A full-time county or city health facility or department; or
- 2 (b) A major health program at a state or national level.
- 3 **3. *Experience used for qualification pursuant to paragraph***
- 4 ***(b) of subsection 1 may also be used for qualification pursuant to***
- 5 ***subsection 2 if the experience meets the requirements of***
- 6 ***subsection 2.***
- 7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 439.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 8 439.100 1. The Director shall appoint a State Health Officer.
- 9 2. The position of State Health Officer must be filled by the
- 10 Director within 6 months after it becomes vacant, except that if a
- 11 qualified applicant does not accept the position within that period,
- 12 the Director shall continue his efforts to fill the position until a
- 13 qualified person accepts the appointment.
- 14 **3. *The State Health Officer is in the unclassified service of***
- 15 ***the State and serves at the pleasure of the Director.***
- 16 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

