
SENATE BILL NO. 470—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to health care.
(BDR 40-785)

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.

AN ACT relating to health care; requiring the State Board of Health to require a medical facility to conduct training relating specifically to cultural competency for certain agents and employees of the medical facility; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 4.5** of this bill requires the State Board of Health to, by regulation,
2 require a medical facility to conduct training relating specifically to cultural
3 competency for any agent or employee of the medical facility who provides care to
4 a patient of the medical facility. **Section 4.5** provides that such cultural competency
5 training is required so that such an agent or employee may better understand
6 patients who are from different cultures and backgrounds, including patients who
7 are: (1) from various gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds; (2) from various
8 religious backgrounds; (3) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning
9 persons; (4) children and senior citizens; (5) persons with a mental or physical
10 disability; and (6) part of any other population, as determined by the Board. **Section**
11 **4.5** requires such training to be provided through a course or program that is
12 approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)
3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
4 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)



1 **Sec. 4.5.** Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *To enable an agent or employee of a medical facility who*
4 *provides care to a patient of the medical facility to more effectively*
5 *treat patients, the Board shall, by regulation, require a medical*
6 *facility to conduct training relating specifically to cultural*
7 *competency for any agent or employee of the medical facility who*
8 *provides care to a patient of the medical facility so that such an*
9 *agent or employee may better understand patients who are from*
10 *different cultures and backgrounds, including, without limitation,*
11 *patients who are:*

12 (a) *From various gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds;*

13 (b) *From various religious backgrounds;*

14 (c) *Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning*
15 *persons;*

16 (d) *Children and senior citizens;*

17 (e) *Persons with a mental or physical disability; and*

18 (f) *Part of any other population that such an agent or*
19 *employee may need to better understand, as determined by the*
20 *Board.*

21 2. *The training relating specifically to cultural competency*
22 *conducted by a medical facility pursuant to subsection 1 must be*
23 *provided through a course or program that is approved by the*
24 *Department of Health and Human Services.*

25 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

