

SENATE BILL NO. 137—SENATOR NEAL (BY REQUEST)

PREFILED JANUARY 30, 2025

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment of a program relating to medical emergencies. (BDR 40-702)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. 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 public health; requiring the establishment of a program to improve access to certain resources in a medical emergency; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services to: (1) establish various programs  
3 relating to public health in this State; and (2) regulate emergency medical services  
4 in counties whose population is less than 700,000 (currently all counties other than  
5 Clark County). (NRS 439.495, 439.496, 439.501, 439.505, 439.507, 439.514-  
6 439.525, 439.5291-439.5297, chapter 450B of NRS) This bill requires the Division  
7 to establish and operate a program to improve: (1) the ability of persons in this  
8 State to respond to medical emergencies; and (2) access of persons in this State to  
9 resources for responding to a medical emergency. This bill requires that program to  
10 include certain measures to: (1) increase the number of volunteers who are trained  
11 to assist in a medical emergency; and (2) notify persons who are experiencing a  
12 medical emergency or assisting persons who are experiencing a medical emergency  
13 of the location of such volunteers and certain other resources.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Division shall establish and operate a program to*  
4 *improve:*



1 (a) *The ability of persons in this State to respond to medical*  
2 *emergencies; and*

3 (b) *The access of persons in this State to resources for*  
4 *responding to a medical emergency.*

5 2. *The program must:*

6 (a) *Assist volunteers in receiving training in cardiopulmonary*  
7 *resuscitation, training through the Community Emergency*  
8 *Response Team program of the Federal Emergency Management*  
9 *Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security or*  
10 *similar training for responding to a medical emergency.*

11 (b) *Allow volunteers who are certified in cardiopulmonary*  
12 *resuscitation by a nationally recognized organization to register to*  
13 *authorize the Division to notify persons described in paragraph (c)*  
14 *of the location of the volunteers.*

15 (c) *Provide multiple means to notify a person who is*  
16 *experiencing a medical emergency or assisting a person who is*  
17 *experiencing a medical emergency of the location of volunteers*  
18 *who have registered pursuant to paragraph (b), health facilities*  
19 *and kits to provide first aid or stop the loss of blood. Such means*  
20 *must include, without limitation, signage, applications for mobile*  
21 *devices and access to information through quick response codes.*

22 (d) *Provide resources to assist communities in this State in*  
23 *achieving the HEARTSafe Community designation, or any*  
24 *successor designation, awarded by the Citizen CPR Foundation,*  
25 *or its successor organization, and incentives to encourage*  
26 *communities in this State to achieve that designation.*

27 3. *In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Division*  
28 *may:*

29 (a) *Contract with or collaborate with any public or private*  
30 *person or entity, including, without limitation:*

31 (1) *Providers of the training described in paragraph (a) of*  
32 *subsection 2;*

33 (2) *Federal, state and local governmental agencies;*

34 (3) *The Stop the Bleed program of the American College of*  
35 *Surgeons, or any successor program;*

36 (4) *The American Heart Association, or its successor*  
37 *organization;*

38 (5) *Providers of emergency medical services;*

39 (6) *Local emergency response organizations;*

40 (7) *Community health organizations;*

41 (8) *Homeowners' associations;*

42 (9) *Insurers; and*

43 (10) *Health facilities and providers of health care.*

44 (b) *Establish one or more advisory committees.*



1 (c) *Apply for and accept gifts, grants and donations from any*  
2 *source.*

3 4. *As used in this section:*

4 (a) *“Health facility” means a facility in or through which*  
5 *health services are provided.*

6 (b) *“Mobile device” includes, without limitation, a smartphone*  
7 *or a tablet computer.*

8 (c) *“Provider of health care” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
9 *NRS 629.031.*

10 **Sec. 2.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
11 approval.

12 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

13 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
14 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
15 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

16 (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.



