## SENATE BILL NO. 218–SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

# FEBRUARY 19, 2025

#### Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Enacts the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act. (BDR 52-938)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to unfair trade practices; enacting the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

The federal Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 requires certain persons who intend to engage in certain mergers or acquisitions to file a notification with the Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice. (15 U.S.C. § 18a) Under existing law, a person who is required to file such a notification for any transaction involving any assets of a group practice or health carrier in this State is required to simultaneously submit a copy of the filing to the Attorney General. (NRS 598A.400) This bill enacts the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission in 2024, which, in general, requires certain additional persons who are required to file a notification under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act to file that same notification with the Attorney General contemporaneously with the federal filing.

Sections 2-11 of this bill define terms for the purposes of the Uniform Act. Section 12 of this bill requires a person who files a notification pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act to file a copy of the federal notification form with the Attorney General if: (1) the person has its principal place of business in this State; or (2) the person or a person it controls directly or indirectly had a certain amount of annual net sales of certain goods or services in this State. Section 12 also requires a person to file with the Attorney General a complete electronic copy of any additional documentary material provided with the federal filing: (1) contemporaneously with the federal filing, for a person with its principal place of business in this State; and (2) on request of the Attorney General, for a person who meets the annual net sales threshold. Section 12 further prohibits the Attorney General from charging a fee for such filings. Section 15 of this bill authorizes the Attorney General to seek imposition of a civil penalty if a person fails to submit the required filings and additional documentary material.

Sections 13 and 19 of this bill, in general, make such filings confidential subject to certain exceptions. Sections 13 and 14 of this bill authorize limited





disclosures for investigatory and law enforcement purposes, including: (1) subject to a protective order entered by an agency, court or judicial officer; (2) to the attorney general of another state which has enacted the Uniform Act or an equivalent act with equivalent confidentiality provisions; and (3) to certain federal agencies. **Section 16** of this bill requires a court to consider the promotion of uniformity of the law among jurisdictions that enact the Uniform Act in applying and construing the provisions of the Act.

Existing law requires a person who is a party to certain reportable health care or health carrier transactions to file a notification with the Attorney General at least 30 days before the consummation of the transaction. (NRS 598A.390) **Section 17** of this bill provides that the requirement for notification is satisfied if the person is required to file a copy of a filing regarding the transaction with the Attorney General pursuant to **section 12** and does so.

**Section 18** of this bill specifies that the provisions of existing law requiring a person to simultaneously submit to the Attorney General a notification required by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act for a transaction involving any assets of a group practice or health carrier in this State apply only if the person is not otherwise required to file a copy of the notification with the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of **section 12**.

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

- **Section 1.** Title 52 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 2. This chapter may be cited as the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act.
- Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 4 to 11, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- Sec. 4. "Additional documentary material" means the additional documentary material filed with a Hart-Scott-Rodino form.
  - Sec. 5. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities.
  - Sec. 6. "Filing threshold" means the minimum size of a transaction that requires the transaction to be reported under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act in effect when a person files a pre-merger notification.
  - Sec. 7. "Hart-Scott-Rodino Act" means section 201 of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, 15 U.S.C. § 18a, as amended.
  - Sec. 8. "Hart-Scott-Rodino form" means the form filed with a pre-merger notification, excluding additional documentary material.





Sec. 9. "Person" means an individual, estate, business or nonprofit entity, government or governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality or other legal entity.

Sec. 10. "Pre-merger notification" means a notification filed under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act with the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice Antitrust

Division, or a successor agency.

Sec. 11. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any other territory or possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

- Sec. 12. 1. A person filing a pre-merger notification shall file contemporaneously a complete electronic copy of the Hart-Scott-Rodino form with the Attorney General if:
- (a) The person has its principal place of business in this State; or
- (b) The person or a person it controls directly or indirectly had annual net sales in this State of the goods or services involved in the transaction of at least 20 percent of the filing threshold.

2. A person that files a form under paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall include with the filing a complete electronic

copy of the additional documentary material.

3. On request of the Attorney General, a person that filed a form under paragraph (b) of subsection 1 shall provide a complete electronic copy of the additional documentary material to the Attorney General not later than 7 days after receipt of the request.

4. The Attorney General may not charge a fee connected with filing or providing the form or additional documentary material

under this section.

- Sec. 13. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 or section 14 of this act, the Attorney General may not make public or disclose:
- (a) A Hart-Scott-Rodino form filed under section 12 of this act;
- (b) The additional documentary material filed or provided under section 12 of this act;
- (c) A Hart-Scott-Rodino form or additional documentary material provided by the attorney general of another state;
- (d) That the form or the additional documentary material were filed or provided under section 12 of this act or provided by the attorney general of another state; or
  - (e) The merger proposed in the form.
- 2. A form, additional documentary material and other information listed in subsection 1 are exempt from disclosure under chapter 239 of NRS.





- 3. Subject to a protective order entered by an agency, court or judicial officer, the Attorney General may disclose a form, additional documentary material or other information listed in subsection 1 in an administrative proceeding or judicial action if the proposed merger is relevant to the proceeding or action.
  - 4. This chapter does not:

- (a) Limit any other confidentiality or information-security obligation of the Attorney General;
- (b) Preclude the Attorney General from sharing information with the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division, or a successor agency; or
- (c) Preclude the Attorney General from sharing information with the attorney general of another state that has enacted the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act or a substantively equivalent act. The other state's act must include confidentiality provisions at least as protective as the confidentiality provisions of the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act.
- Sec. 14. 1. The Attorney General may disclose a Hart-Scott-Rodino form and additional documentary material filed or provided under section 12 of this act to the attorney general of another state that enacts the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act or a substantively equivalent act. The other state's act must include confidentiality provisions at least as protective as the confidentiality provisions of the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act.
- 2. At least 2 business days before making a disclosure under subsection 1, the Attorney General shall give notice of the disclosure to the person filing or providing the form or additional documentary material under section 12 of this act.
- Sec. 15. The Attorney General may seek imposition of a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per day of noncompliance on a person that fails to comply with subsection 1, 2 or 3 of section 12 of this act. A civil penalty imposed under this section is subject to procedural requirements applicable to the Attorney General, including the requirements of due process.
- Sec. 16. In applying and construing the provisions of this chapter, a court shall consider the promotion of uniformity of the law among jurisdictions that enact the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act.
- **Sec. 17.** NRS 598A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 598A.390 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any person conducting business in this State who is a party to a reportable health care or health carrier transaction shall, at least 30 days before the consummation of the reportable health care or health





carrier transaction, submit to the Attorney General a notification on a form prescribed by the Attorney General. The notification must contain the following information, to the extent such information is applicable:

- (a) A brief description of the nature of the proposed relationship among the parties to the proposed reportable health care or health carrier transaction;
- (b) The names and specialties of each practitioner working for the group practice that is the subject of the reportable health care or health carrier transaction and who is anticipated to work with the resulting group practice following the effective date of the transaction;
- (c) The names of the business entities that are anticipated to provide health care services or health carrier services following the effective date of the reportable health care or health carrier transaction:
- (d) An identification of each anticipated location where health care services or health carrier services are to be provided following the effective date of the reportable health care or health carrier transaction:
- (e) A description of the services to be provided by practitioners at each location identified pursuant to paragraph (d); and
- (f) The primary service area to be served by each location identified pursuant to paragraph (d).
- 2. If a person who is a party to a reportable health care or health carrier transaction is required to:
- (a) Submit a copy of a filing to the Attorney General pursuant to NRS 598A.400 regarding the transaction, the copy of the filing submitted pursuant to NRS 598A.400 satisfies the requirement for notification pursuant to subsection 1.
- (b) Submit a notification to the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to NRS 692C.363 regarding the transaction, the person may satisfy the requirement for notification pursuant to subsection 1 by simultaneously submitting to the Attorney General a copy of the notification submitted to the Commissioner of Insurance.
- (c) File a copy of a filing with the Attorney General pursuant to section 12 of this act regarding the transaction, the copy of the filing filed pursuant to section 12 of this act satisfies the requirement for submitting a notification pursuant to subsection 1.
  - **Sec. 18.** NRS 598A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 598A.400 1. Any person conducting business in this State that files a notification with the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, 15 U.S.C. § 18a





regarding a transaction that involves any assets of a group practice or health carrier in this State and who is not otherwise required to file a copy of the notification with the Attorney General pursuant to section 12 of this act shall simultaneously submit a copy of the filing to the Attorney General.

2. A person that submits a copy of a filing to the Attorney General pursuant to subsection 1 satisfies the requirement for notice set forth in NRS 598A.390.

**Sec. 19.** NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in this section and 10 239.010 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.0397, 41.071, 49.095, 11 49.293, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 12 13 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 14 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 15 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 16 17 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 116B.880, 119A.280, 119A.653, 119A.677, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.640, 18 19 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 20 127.007, 127.057, 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 21 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 159A.044, 164.041, 172.075, 172.245, 22 176.01334, 176.01385, 176.015, 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 178.5691, 178.5717, 179.495, 23 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 180.600, 200.3771, 200.3772, 24 25 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392, 209.3923, 209.3925, 209.419, 209.429, 209.521, 211A.140, 213.010, 213.040, 26 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 217.475, 218A.350, 27 28 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 218G.615, 29 224.240, 226.462, 226.796, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 231.1473, 232.1369, 233.190, 30 231.069. 231.1285, 237.300. 239.0105, 239.0113, 239.014, 239B.026, 239B.030, 239B.040, 31 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 32 239C.420, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030, 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 33 244.335, 247.540, 247.545, 247.550, 247.560, 250.087, 250.130, 34 250.140, 250.145, 250.150, 268.095, 268.0978, 268.490, 268.910, 35 269.174, 271A.105, 281.195, 281.805, 281A.350, 281A.680, 36 37 281A.685, 281A.750, 281A.755, 281A.780, 284.4068, 284.4086, 286.110, 286.118, 287.0438, 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830, 38 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503, 293.504, 293.558, 293.5757, 293.870, 39 40 293.906, 293.908, 293.909, 293.910, 293B.135, 293D.510, 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 338.070, 338.1379, 338.1593, 41 42 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 349.597, 349.775, 353.205, 43 353A.049, 353A.085, 353A.100, 353C.240, 353D.250, 360.240, 44 360.247, 360.255, 360.755, 361.044, 361.2242, 361.610, 365.138, 45 366.160, 368A.180, 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 378.290, 378.300,



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- 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.
- 3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains information that is confidential if the governmental entity can redact, delete, conceal or separate, including, without limitation, electronically, the confidential information from the information included in the public book or record that is not otherwise confidential.
- 4. If requested, a governmental entity shall provide a copy of a public record in an electronic format by means of an electronic medium. Nothing in this subsection requires a governmental entity to provide a copy of a public record in an electronic format or by means of an electronic medium if:
  - (a) The public record:
    - (1) Was not created or prepared in an electronic format; and
    - (2) Is not available in an electronic format; or
- (b) Providing the public record in an electronic format or by means of an electronic medium would:
  - (1) Give access to proprietary software; or



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- (2) Require the production of information that is confidential and that cannot be redacted, deleted, concealed or separated from information that is not otherwise confidential.
- 5. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody or control of a public record:
- (a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in the medium that is requested because the officer, employee or agent has already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different medium.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself or herself.
- **Sec. 20.** 1. The provisions of this act apply only to a premerger notification filed on or after October 1, 2025.
- 2. As used in this section, "pre-merger notification" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 10 of this act.





