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SENATE BILL NO. 86—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY)

PREFILED JANUARY 7, 2025

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides immunity from liability to certain providers of health care. (BDR 3-501)

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.

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AN ACT relating to civil actions; providing immunity from liability to a provider of health care who performs a forensic medical examination or strangulation forensic medical examination under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law prescribes certain requirements relating to a: (1) forensic medical  
2 examination performed by a provider of health care on a victim of sexual assault  
3 for the purpose of obtaining evidence from the victim; and (2) strangulation  
4 forensic medical examination performed by a provider of health care on a victim of  
5 domestic violence by strangulation for the purpose of assessing the health care  
6 needs of the victim and coordinating the treatment of any injuries to the victim.  
7 (Chapter 178A of NRS, NRS 200.3786, 217.300, 217.405) Existing law also  
8 provides certain providers of health care who in good faith render emergency care  
9 or assistance with immunity from civil liability for certain acts or omissions by the  
10 provider of health care in rendering the emergency care or assistance. (NRS  
11 41.505) This bill establishes that a provider of health care who in good faith  
12 performs a forensic medical examination or strangulation forensic medical  
13 examination is not liable for any civil damages arising from any act or omission,  
14 not amounting to gross negligence, by the provider of health care in performing the  
15 examination or providing or arranging for the provision of further medical  
16 treatment for the victim on whom the examination is performed.



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

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 41 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       ***1. Any provider of health care who in good faith performs a***  
4 ***forensic medical examination or strangulation forensic medical***  
5 ***examination is not liable for any civil damages as a result of any***  
6 ***act or omission, not amounting to gross negligence, in performing***  
7 ***the examination or providing or arranging for the provision of***  
8 ***further medical treatment for the victim on whom the examination***  
9 ***is performed.***

10       ***2. As used in this section:***

11       ***(a) "Forensic medical examination" has the meaning ascribed***  
12 ***to it in NRS 217.300.***

13       ***(b) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in***  
14 ***NRS 629.031.***

15       ***(c) "Strangulation forensic medical examination" has the***  
16 ***meaning ascribed to it in NRS 217.405.***

