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# Introduction of State Representatives



- State Senator Lisa Krasner
- State Assemblywoman Angie Taylor
- State Assemblyman PK O' Neill
- State Assemblyman Ken Gray

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# Introduction of Congressional Representatives

- Alex Goff, Senator Jacky Rosen's Office
- Debbie Balsinger, Congressman Mark Amodei's Office

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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# OVERVIEW

- Legislative Structure
- The Legislative Process
- Reading a Bill
- Tips for Advocating Your Issues
- Tips for Testifying Before Legislative Committees
- Resources for Tracking Legislation

# LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE

## Senate

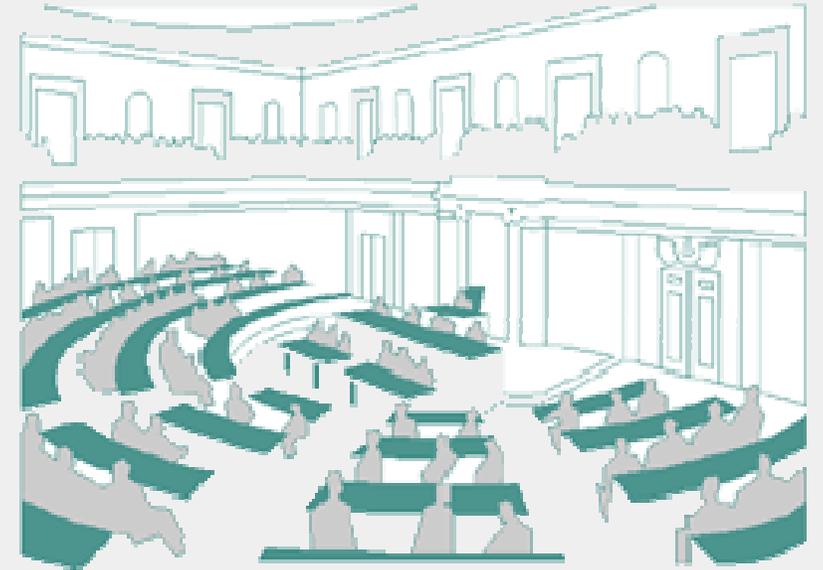
21 Members, 4-Year Terms

## Assembly

42 Members, 2-Year Terms

## Regular Legislative Sessions—Biennial

- Regular sessions held in odd-numbered years
- Sessions begin on the first Monday in February
- Limited to 120-calendar days
- The 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session starts February 3, 2025



# LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

## HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

### 1. Initial Steps by the Sponsor

Idea, Bill Draft Request (BDR)

*Note: Lobbyists are involved throughout process*

### 2. Action in the House of Origin

Introduction, Refer to Committee

Public Hearing, Recommendation

Read Bill 3 Times

### 3. Action in the Second House

Same as House of Origin

### 4. Resolution of Differences

Conference Committee

### 5. Role of the Governor

Sign, Not Sign, Veto

# LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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## Committee Chair schedules bills:

- Agendas are posted
- All meetings are public
- Most meetings are videoconferenced from Carson City to Las Vegas and the public is encouraged to participate

## Sponsor's responsibilities include:

- Presenting the bill (sometimes with the help of interested constituents or bill proponents)
- Identifying and notifying speakers
- Keeping the committee Chair informed
- Follow the bill

# COMMITTEE HEARINGS

- Same process in Senate and Assembly

# TESTIFYING IN COMMITTEE

1. Thank the Chair and committee for the opportunity to speak
2. State your name and organization
3. Clearly state your position and what you support or oppose in the bill
4. Refer to the bill by its number and be sure you are using the most recent version
5. Summarize your recommendations first, then add explanation
6. Conclude with a brief statement reiterating your position and offer to answer questions

# LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

## COMMITTEE HEARINGS – COMMON COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- Do Pass
- Amend and Do Pass
- Be Adopted
- Rerefer (with or without recommendation)
- Indefinitely Postpone (IP)
- No Action

# LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

## SETTLEMENT OF HOUSE DIFFERENCES (IF NECESSARY)

- If the bill has no amendments in the second house, it goes to the Governor
- If the bill is amended by second house:
  - Does the first house “**Concur**” (agree) with the amendment? If so, the bill goes to the Governor
  - If the first house “**does not concur**” with the amendment, does the second house “**Recede**” (withdraw) its amendment? If so, the bill goes to the Governor
  - If the second house “**does not recede**” its amendment the bill is assigned to a conference committee
  - Once a consensus is reached in the conference committee the bill goes to the Governor

# LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

## ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR

- Sign the bill
  - Within 5 days if Legislature is in session (excluding the day of receipt and Sundays)
  - Within 10 days if Legislature has adjourned (excluding the day of receipt and Sundays)
- Veto the bill
- Not sign the bill within the period allowed (effectively allowing the bill to go into law without his signature)

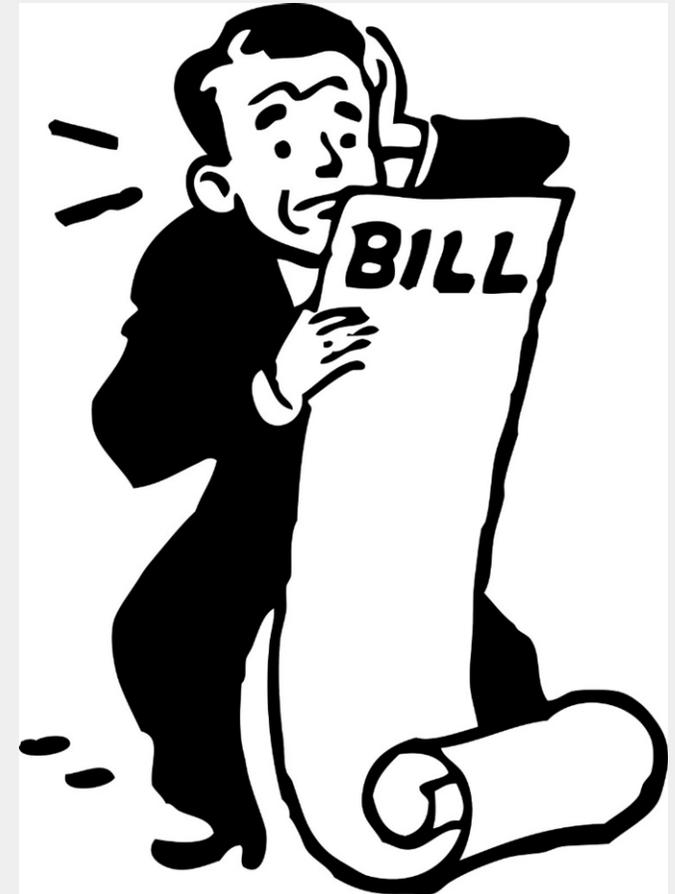
# READING A BILL

## HEADING:

- Contains information on who requested the bill, which committee the bill was referred, a summary and BDR number, Fiscal Note status, and certain other information as needed

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST:

- Summarizes how the bill changes current law (very helpful), but note the Digest is not part of the bill and does not become part of the law



# BILL COMPONENTS

Bill No. and Sponsor

Introduction Date

(Reprinted with amendments adopted on May 23, 2017)  
**SECOND REPRINT**  
**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 457—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR**  
**(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)**  
**MARCH 27, 2017**

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**SUMMARY**—Revises provisions relating to certain professional licensing boards. (BDR 54-410)

**FISCAL NOTE**: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

**Enacting Clause**

**Sections**

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 641 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this

**Title** → **AN ACT** relating to professional licensing; requiring Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors to report certain information to the Legislative Committee on Health Care; requiring new members of those boards to complete an orientation; requiring those boards to adopt certain policies and regulations; authorizing those boards to enter into certain agreements; authorizing a person aggrieved by certain actions of those boards to appeal all regulations adopted by those boards; revising the qualifications of certain members of the Commission; prohibiting certain persons from serving on the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Digest** → **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**  
Existing law establishes: (1) the Board of Psychological Examiners, which regulates psychologists, behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts; (2) the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, which regulates marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors; (3) the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, which

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [ ] is deleted.

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Enacting Clause

Sections

# READING A BILL

- **Section headings (black)**

Identify new *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) provision being added or existing NRS provision being amended

- ***Italicized and bolded language (blue)***

New wording to be added to NRS

- **~~Bracketed and crossed out language (red)~~**

Proposed for deletion from NRS

(c) One or more public or private entities from this State, the District of Columbia or other states or territories of the United States for the collaborative purchasing of prescription drugs in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 277.110.

3. A contract entered into pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2 must:

(a) Include the provisions required by NRS 422.4056; ~~and~~

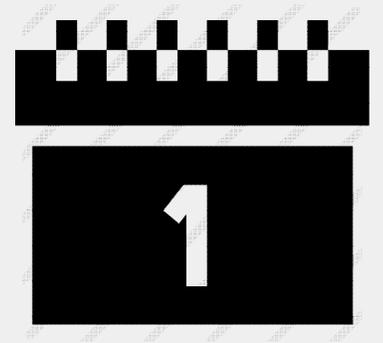
(b) Require the pharmacy benefit manager or health maintenance organization, as applicable, to disclose to the Department any information relating to the services covered by the contract, including, without limitation, information concerning dispensing fees, measures for the control of costs, rebates collected and paid and any fees and charges imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager or health maintenance organization pursuant to the contract ~~†~~; and

*(c) Require the pharmacy benefit manager or health maintenance organization to comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the provision of prescription drugs under the State Plan for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to the same extent as the Department.*

4. In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection 3, a contract entered into pursuant to:

# EFFECTIVE DATES

- Bills without a specific effective date become law on October 1 after the session
- Bills effective on “passage and approval” become law when signed or allowed to become law by the Governor
- Bills may be made effective on July 1 of a certain year (to coincide with the start of a fiscal year) or January 1—or any other date on the bill



# ADVOCATING YOUR ISSUES

## Do:

- Choose a legislator(s) who you think will support your position
- Get to know your legislator
- Explain the positive aspects and benefits of your suggested legislation
- Explain what the opposition might be
- Prepare the legislator

# ADVOCATING YOUR ISSUES

## Do:

- Be calm, controlled, and prepared
- Think your position through and weigh all sides of the issue
- Know what you want to accomplish and how to accomplish it
- Present your position in a non-threatening and professional manner

# ADVOCATING YOUR ISSUES

## **Do Not:**

- Make demands or threaten legislators
- Disrupt the meeting
- Use civil disobedience
- Lecture or talk down to legislators
- Be disrespectful toward members of the public or staff

# BILL TRACKING

## Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS)

Information always available:

Bills – Reports – Bill Actions and Status

## Personalized Legislative Tracking (PLT)

- Subscription to BDRs, Bills, and Budgets (Up to 10 bills for free)
- Notifications of Hearings and Status (*not a free option*)
- Various Subscription Levels

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# BILL TRACKING

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The 82nd (2023) Session convened on February 6, 2023 at 11:04 AM and adjourned *sine die* on June 6, 2023 at 12:19 AM.

AB1	Authorizes certain counties to impose additional local sales and use tax under certain circumstances. (BDR 32-306)	Click to track My Tags My Notes
AB2	Revises provisions relating to public safety. (BDR 43-355)	Click to track My Tags My Notes
AB3	Revises provisions governing financial reports of the State Permanent School Fund. (BDR 34-304)	Click to track My Tags My Notes

## Session Information

### Legislator Information

- Assembly | Senate

### Standing Rules

- Senate Standing Rules with Index
- Assembly Standing Rules with Index
- Joint Standing Rules with Index

### Budget and Fiscal Information

- Governor Lombardo's 2023-2025 Biennium Proposed Executive Budget
- 2023 Fiscal Report

### Journals and Histories

- Daily Journals

## Floor Sessions of the 82nd (2023) Session

- Assembly Floor Sessions
- Senate Floor Sessions

## Deadlines for the 82nd (2023) Session

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Thursday, February 09, 2023 | Subcommittees Start Meeting Jointly     |
| Monday, February 13, 2023   | Legislators' BDR Requests               |
| Monday, February 20, 2023   | Joint Standing Rule No. 14 BDR Requests |
| Monday, February 27, 2023   | Joint Standing Rule No. 14 BDR Details  |

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# WAYS TO STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

- [Sign up for Bill Tracking](#)
- Search the BDR list (limited information until introduction)
- Listen to or watch current or passed hearings online
- Check website for updates: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)
- Track legislative documents using “NELIS”
- Get to know legislators and legislative staff

# WAYS TO STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

- Attend hearings or floor sessions
- Sign up to speak during public comment at a hearing
- Submit comments to the committee in writing
- Talk to the legislators

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