

Assembly Bill No. 80—Committee on
Health and Human Services

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AN ACT relating to public health; creating the Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease within the Department of Health and Human Services; providing for its membership; setting forth the powers and duties of the Task Force; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10 of the 2011 Legislative Session directed the Legislative Committee on Health Care to create a task force to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer’s disease and to submit the state plan to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature. (File No. 42, Statutes of Nevada 2011, p. 3868) **Section 5** of this bill creates the Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease within the Department of Health and Human Services and sets forth the composition of the Task Force. **Section 7** of this bill requires the Task Force to take certain actions to carry out the state plan that was developed pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10, including, without limitation, reviewing and revising the state plan as necessary and researching and reviewing any other issues relevant to Alzheimer’s disease.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 3. *“State plan” means the state plan to address Alzheimer’s disease developed pursuant to section 7 of this act.*

Sec. 4. *“Task Force” means the Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease created by section 5 of this act.*

Sec. 5. 1. *The Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease is hereby created within the Department of Health and Human Services.*

2. *The Director shall appoint to the Task Force the following eight voting members:*

(a) A representative from an association that provides services to persons with Alzheimer’s disease;



(b) A medical professional with expertise in cognitive disorders;

(c) A representative of caregivers for persons with cognitive disorders;

(d) A representative of the Nevada System of Higher Education with expertise in cognitive disorders;

(e) A representative of providers of service for persons with cognitive disorders;

(f) A representative from a rural area of this State;

(g) A representative from the Department; and

(h) A member at large.

3. The Legislative Commission shall appoint to the Task Force the following two voting members:

(a) One member of the Senate; and

(b) One member of the Assembly.

4. After the initial terms, the members of the Task Force serve terms of 2 years. A member may be reappointed to the Task Force and any vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

5. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation, except that each member is entitled, while engaged in the business of the Task Force and within the limits of available money, to the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

6. Not later than 30 days after appointment, each member of the Task Force appointed pursuant to subsection 2 shall nominate two persons to serve as his or her alternate members and submit the names of the persons nominated to the Director for appointment. An alternate member shall serve as a voting member of the Task Force when the appointed member who nominated the alternate is disqualified or unable to serve.

Sec. 6. *1. The members of the Task Force shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair by a majority vote. After the initial election, the Chair and Vice Chair serve for a term of 1 year beginning on July 1 of each year. If the position of Chair or Vice Chair becomes vacant, the members of the Task Force shall elect a Chair or Vice Chair, as appropriate, from among its members for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

2. The members of the Task Force shall meet at least once each quarter at the call of the Chair. The Task Force shall prescribe regulations for its own management and government.



3. A majority of the members of the Task Force constitutes a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on the Task Force.

4. Each member of the Task Force who is appointed pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5 of this act serves at the pleasure of the Director.

Sec. 7. 1. The Task Force shall:

(a) Develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease;

(b) Monitor the progress in carrying out the state plan;

(c) Review and revise the state plan as necessary;

(d) Develop and prioritize the actions necessary to carry out the state plan;

(e) Research and review any other issues that are relevant to Alzheimer's disease; and

(f) On or before February 1 of each year, prepare and submit a report to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature concerning its findings and recommendations.

2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, the Department:

(a) Shall provide the personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies required by the Task Force;

(b) May accept any gifts, grants and donations; and

(c) May enter into contracts and award grants.

Sec. 8. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2013, the appointed members of the Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease created by section 5 of this act must be appointed to initial terms as follows:

1. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall appoint:

(a) Four members pursuant to subsection 2 of that section to initial terms that expire on June 30, 2014; and

(b) Four members pursuant to subsection 2 of that section to initial terms that expire on June 30, 2015; and

2. The Legislative Commission shall appoint:

(a) One member pursuant to subsection 3 of that section to an initial term that expires on June 30, 2014; and

(b) One member pursuant to subsection 3 of that section to an initial term that expires on June 30, 2015.

Sec. 9. For the purposes of this act, the state plan developed pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10, File No. 42, Statutes of Nevada 2011, p. 3868, shall be deemed to be the initial state plan to address Alzheimer's disease required by section 7 of this act.



Sec. 10. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017.

