

Nevada Commission on Aging

June 28, Wednesday

COA Policy Subcommittee

The Commission on Aging Policy Subcommittee met December 16, 2022, to consider bills to be heard in the 82nd Legislative Session important to seniors. At the January 18, 2023, meeting of the Commission on Aging, the following bills were approved for support.

AB 100 (BDR S-562) - **Description:** Provides for certain assessments relating to caregivers. Effective July 1, 2023. **Sponsor:** Brown-May

AB 119 (BDR 311) –Establish the Elder Abuse Fatality Review Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services and require the Committee to identify and review deaths that may have been caused by or related to elder abuse. **Joint Interim Standing Committee on Judiciary**

AB 208 (BR 297) – Approved by Governor, Chapter 510. Revises provisions governing Medicaid creating Structured Family Caregiving as a covered HCBW service for certain Medicaid participants. Proposed by Charles Duarte, Nevada Public Policy and Advocacy Director of the Alzheimer’s Association **Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs.**

SB4 (BDR 220) - *Revises provisions governing certain programs to pay for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services, and other benefits. (BDR 40-220)* Effective July 1, 2023. This is a “clean-up bill” that authorizes the Department to allocate money to provide grants and enter into contracts or intergovernmental agreements to pay for or subsidize the cost of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services, and other benefits for natural persons. **Aging and Disability Services Division**

SB43 (BDR 38-219) - Makes various changes relating to services for aging persons and persons with disabilities. Effective May 31, 2023. Approved by Gov. Revising the qualifications of the members of the Nevada Commission on Aging; requiring certain updates to the strategic plan for persons with disabilities as the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services determines to be necessary; revising the duties of the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities; revising certain titles; revising a certain plan for the provision of services to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

SB45 (BDR295) –Signed by Gov. *Establishes the amount for the personal needs allowance provided to certain recipients of Medicaid. Sections 1 and 2 effective June 10, 2023, for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the*

provisions of this act and on January 1, 2024, for all other purposes. Section 2.5 effective on July 1, 2023. Section 3 effective June 10, 2023. **Nevada Silver Hair Legislative Forum**

SB61 (BDR427)- Signed by Gov. *Revises provisions relating to exploitation involving the deposits or proceeds of an account held by an older person or a vulnerable person in joint tenancy.* Effective October 1, 2023. **Office of the Attorney General**

SB 298 (BDR 301) – *Revises provisions governing the involuntary discharge of a resident from a residential facility for groups.* **Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs**

Bills Not Discussed by Worth Mention Signed

AB 202 - Description: Revises provisions governing electronic communication devices in certain health care facilities. (BDR 40-46) Approved by Gov. **Sponsor:** Summers-Armstrong

AB267 - Revises provisions governing cultural competency training. (BDR 40-820) Approved by Gov. **Sponsor:** Assemblymen Torres, D'Silva, Duran, González, Brittney Miller, and Nguyen; Senators Doñate, Flores and Nguyen

SB260 (BDR 40-675) - Revises provisions relating to certain persons providing referrals to group housing for persons who are aged. Approved by Gov. Effective October 1, 2023. **Senators Dondero Loop, Doñate, Cannizzaro, Daly, Flores, Lange and Pazina; Assemblywoman Anderson**

SB315 - Makes revisions relating to the rights of persons with disabilities and persons who are aged. Effective July 1, 2023. **Sponsor:** Scheible, Spearman and Harris

Bills that Died.

AB 99 (BDR 38-808) –Revises provisions governing Medicaid rates of reimbursement. (dead) **Sponsor:** Brown-May

AB 167 (BDR 38-787) - Description: Makes various changes relating to dementia. **Sponsor:** Thomas, González, and Taylor (dead)

AB 254 (BDR 300) - Creates a Vulnerable Adult Protection Order under Chapter 33 of NRS to protect vulnerable adults against abuse, neglect, or exploitation by allowing vulnerable adults

to seek an order of protection on their own behalf and by allowing Adult Protective Services (APS), ADSD, DHHS, to act as a petitioner in certain circumstances. **Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs.**

AB 381 (BDR 302) Proposes legislation to amend provisions of Chapter 159 of the NRS to make the statute more consistent with the Protected Persons' Bill of Rights, which is geared toward preserving as much autonomy and independence as possible for protected persons given their unique circumstances. **Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs.** (dead)

SB 297 (BDR 298) --AN ACT relating to dementia; providing for the establishment of the Nevada Memory Network for the diagnosis of dementia and the care of patients with dementia. (dead)