
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 115—ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides a privilege to an organized committee of certain groups of physicians to refuse to disclose certain information. (BDR 4-556)

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.

AN ACT relating to health care; providing a privilege to an organized committee of certain groups of physicians to refuse disclosure of certain information; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides a privilege to a “review committee,” which is defined to
2 include an organized committee of certain entities that provide health care or
3 services relating to health care and has the responsibility of evaluating and
4 improving the quality of care rendered by the parent organization. (NRS 49.117)
5 The privilege allows such a review committee to refuse to disclose and to prevent
6 any other person from disclosing its proceedings and records and testimony given
7 before it. (NRS 49.119) This bill includes within the definition of review committee
8 an organized committee of a partnership, association or other group of two or more
9 physicians formed for the purpose of rendering health care, thereby extending the
10 privilege to such a group.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 49.117 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 49.117 As used in NRS 49.117 to 49.123, inclusive, unless the
3 context otherwise requires, “review committee” means:
4 1. An organized committee of:
5 (a) A hospital;
6 (b) An ambulatory surgical center;
7 (c) A health maintenance organization;



1 (d) An organization that provides emergency medical services
2 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS;

3 (e) A medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; ~~for~~

4 (f) An institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education or
5 any of its affiliated organizations that provides a clinical program or
6 practice related to the medical treatment or care of patients ~~for~~; *or*

7 *(g) A partnership, association or other group of at least two*
8 *physicians formed for the purpose of rendering health care,*

9 *↪ which has the responsibility of evaluating and improving the*
10 *quality of care rendered by the parent organization;*

11 2. A peer review committee of a medical or dental society; or

12 3. A medical review committee of a county or district board of
13 health that certifies, licenses or regulates providers of emergency
14 medical services pursuant to the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS,
15 but only when functioning as a peer review committee.

16 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

