
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 230—ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARZOLA

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. (BDR 54-568)

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

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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; ratifying and entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; authorizing the sharing of certain information with data systems created by the Compact; providing audiologists and speech-language pathologists practicing in this State under the Compact with the same legal status as persons who are licensed to practice audiology and speech-language pathology in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of audiologists and
2 speech-language pathologists in this State by the Speech-Language Pathology,
3 Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board. (Chapter 637B of NRS) **Section 1**
4 of this bill enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate
5 Compact, which allows a person who is licensed as an audiologist or speech-
6 language pathologist in a state that is a member of the Compact to practice as an
7 audiologist or speech-language pathologist in other states that are members of the
8 Compact. In order to practice as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist
9 under the Compact, the Compact requires an audiologist or speech-language
10 pathologist to: (1) hold a license in his or her home state; (2) have no encumbrances
11 on his or her license; (3) meet certain other requirements for eligibility; (4) have
12 had no adverse actions taken against any license or authority to practice under the
13 Compact within the previous 2 years; (5) notify the Audiology and Speech-
14 Language Pathology Compact Commission, a joint public body established by the
15 Compact, that he or she is seeking to practice under the Compact in another state;
16 (6) pay any applicable fees; and (7) report any adverse action taken against him or
17 her within 30 days after the date the adverse action is taken. The Compact
18 additionally requires a member state to recognize the right of an audiologist or
19 speech-language pathologist who is licensed by any member state to practice



20 audiology or speech-language pathology, as applicable, through telehealth in any
21 member state under conditions prescribed by the Commission. The Compact also:
22 (1) authorizes a member state to take adverse action against an audiologist or
23 speech-language pathologist who is practicing in the member state under the
24 Compact; (2) authorizes the Commission to levy and collect assessments from
25 member states to cover the cost of its operations; and (3) creates a data system to
26 facilitate the sharing of certain information among member states.

27 With certain exceptions, existing law makes a complaint filed with the Board
28 and certain other documents and information related to such a complaint
29 confidential. (NRS 637B.288) **Section 2** of this bill creates an exception to this
30 provision to, in general, authorize the Board to disclose such information to the data
31 system created by **section 1** when required by the Compact. **Section 4** of this bill
32 provides for the confidentiality of certain information disclosed through the data
33 system.

34 **Section 3** of this bill deems practicing as an audiologist or speech-language
35 pathologist in this State under the Compact to be equivalent to practicing under a
36 license issued by the Board, thereby providing such persons with the same
37 authority, duties and legal protections as a licensee.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 637B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate*
4 *Compact is hereby ratified and entered into with all other*
5 *jurisdictions legally joining the Compact, in substantially the form*
6 *set forth in this section:*

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8 **AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
9 **PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT**

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11 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

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13 *The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate interstate practice*
14 *of audiology and speech-language pathology with the goal of*
15 *improving public access to audiology and speech-language*
16 *pathology services. The practice of audiology and speech-*
17 *language pathology occurs in the state where the*
18 *patient/client/student is located at the time of the*
19 *patient/client/student encounter. The Compact preserves*
20 *the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and*
21 *safety through the current system of state licensure.*

22 *This Compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:*

23 1. *Increase public access to audiology and speech-language*
24 *pathology services by providing for the mutual recognition of*
25 *other member state licenses;*



1 *that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of audiologists*
2 *and/or speech-language pathologists.*

3 *H. "Compact privilege" means the authorization granted by a*
4 *remote state to allow a licensee from another member state to*
5 *practice as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist in the*
6 *remote state under its laws and rules. The practice of audiology or*
7 *speech-language pathology occurs in the member state where the*
8 *patient/client/student is located at the time of the*
9 *patient/client/student encounter.*

10 *I. "Current significant investigative information" means*
11 *investigative information that a licensing board, after an inquiry*
12 *or investigation that includes notification and an opportunity for*
13 *the audiologist or speech-language pathologist to respond, if*
14 *required by state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and,*
15 *if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction.*

16 *J. "Data system" means a repository of information about*
17 *licensees, including, but not limited to, continuing education,*
18 *examination, licensure, investigative, compact privilege and*
19 *adverse action.*

20 *K. "Encumbered license" means a license in which an*
21 *adverse action restricts the practice of audiology or speech-*
22 *language pathology by the licensee and said adverse action has*
23 *been reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).*

24 *L. "Executive Committee" means a group of directors elected*
25 *or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to*
26 *them by, the Commission.*

27 *M. "Home state" means the member state that is the*
28 *licensee's primary state of residence.*

29 *N. "Impaired practitioner" means individuals whose*
30 *professional practice is adversely affected by substance abuse,*
31 *addiction, or other health-related conditions.*

32 *O. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds an*
33 *authorization from the state licensing board to practice as an*
34 *audiologist or speech-language pathologist.*

35 *P. "Member state" means a state that has enacted the*
36 *Compact.*

37 *Q. "Privilege to practice" means a legal authorization*
38 *permitting the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology*
39 *in a remote state.*

40 *R. "Remote state" means a member state other than the home*
41 *state where a licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise the*
42 *compact privilege.*

43 *S. "Rule" means a regulation, principle or directive*
44 *promulgated by the Commission that has the force of law.*



1 T. "Single-state license" means an audiology or speech-
2 language pathology license issued by a member state that
3 authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not
4 include a privilege to practice in any other member state.

5 U. "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual who
6 is licensed by a state to practice speech-language pathology.

7 V. "Speech-language pathology" means the care and services
8 provided by a licensed speech-language pathologist as set forth in
9 the member state's statutes and rules.

10 W. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district or
11 territory of the United States of America that regulates the practice
12 of audiology and speech-language pathology.

13 X. "State practice laws" means a member state's laws, rules
14 and regulations that govern the practice of audiology or speech-
15 language pathology, define the scope of audiology or speech-
16 language pathology practice, and create the methods and grounds
17 for imposing discipline.

18 Y. "Telehealth" means the application of telecommunication
19 technology to deliver audiology or speech-language pathology
20 services at a distance for assessment, intervention and/or
21 consultation.

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23 **SECTION 3. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT**

24
25 A. A license issued to an audiologist or speech-language
26 pathologist by a home state to a resident in that state shall be
27 recognized by each member state as authorizing an audiologist or
28 speech-language pathologist to practice audiology or speech-
29 language pathology, under a privilege to practice, in each member
30 state.

31 B. A state must implement or utilize procedures for
32 considering the criminal history records of applicants for initial
33 privilege to practice. These procedures shall include the
34 submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information
35 by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal
36 history record information from the Federal Bureau of
37 Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's
38 criminal records.

39 I. A member state must fully implement a criminal
40 background check requirement, within a time frame established by
41 rule, by receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of
42 Investigation record search on criminal background checks and
43 use the results in making licensure decisions.

44 2. Communication between a member state, the
45 Commission and among member states regarding the verification



1 of eligibility for licensure through the Compact shall not include
2 any information received from the Federal Bureau of
3 Investigation relating to a federal criminal records check
4 performed by a member state under Public Law 92-544.

5 C. Upon application for a privilege to practice, the licensing
6 board in the issuing remote state shall ascertain, through the data
7 system, whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of, a
8 license issued by any other state, whether there are any
9 encumbrances on any license or privilege to practice held by the
10 applicant, whether any adverse action has been taken against any
11 license or privilege to practice held by the applicant.

12 D. Each member state shall require an applicant to obtain or
13 retain a license in the home state and meet the home state's
14 qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as, all
15 other applicable state laws.

16 E. For an audiologist:

17 1. Must meet one of the following educational
18 requirements:

19 a. On or before, Dec. 31, 2007, has graduated with a
20 master's degree or doctorate in audiology, or equivalent degree
21 regardless of degree name, from a program that is accredited by
22 an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher
23 Education Accreditation, or its successor, or by the United States
24 Department of Education and operated by a college or university
25 accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization
26 recognized by the board; or

27 b. On or after, Jan. 1, 2008, has graduated with a
28 Doctoral degree in audiology, or equivalent degree, regardless of
29 degree name, from a program that is accredited by an accrediting
30 agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education
31 Accreditation, or its successor, or by the United States Department
32 of Education and operated by a college or university accredited by
33 a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the
34 board; or

35 c. Has graduated from an audiology program that is
36 housed in an institution of higher education outside of the United
37 States (a) for which the program and institution have been
38 approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable
39 country and (b) the degree program has been verified by an
40 independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a state
41 licensing board-approved program.

42 2. Has completed a supervised clinical practicum
43 experience from an accredited educational institution or its
44 cooperating programs as required by the Commission;



1 3. *Has successfully passed a national examination*
2 *approved by the Commission;*

3 4. *Holds an active, unencumbered license;*

4 5. *Has not been convicted or found guilty, and has not*
5 *entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony related to the*
6 *practice of audiology, under applicable state or federal criminal*
7 *law;*

8 6. *Has a valid United States Social Security or National*
9 *Practitioner Identification number.*

10 F. *For a speech-language pathologist:*

11 1. *Must meet one of the following educational*
12 *requirements:*

13 a. *Has graduated with a master's degree from a speech-*
14 *language pathology program that is accredited by an organization*
15 *recognized by the United States Department of Education and*
16 *operated by a college or university accredited by a regional or*
17 *national accrediting organization recognized by the board; or*

18 b. *Has graduated from a speech-language pathology*
19 *program that is housed in an institution of higher education*
20 *outside of the United States (a) for which the program and*
21 *institution have been approved by the authorized accrediting body*
22 *in the applicable country and (b) the degree program has been*
23 *verified by an independent credentials review agency to be*
24 *comparable to a state licensing board-approved program.*

25 2. *Has completed a supervised clinical practicum*
26 *experience from an educational institution or its cooperating*
27 *programs as required by the Commission;*

28 3. *Has completed a supervised postgraduate professional*
29 *experience as required by the Commission;*

30 4. *Has successfully passed a national examination*
31 *approved by the Commission;*

32 5. *Holds an active, unencumbered license;*

33 6. *Has not been convicted or found guilty, and has not*
34 *entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony related to the*
35 *practice of speech-language pathology, under applicable state or*
36 *federal criminal law;*

37 7. *Has a valid United States Social Security or National*
38 *Practitioner Identification number.*

39 G. *The privilege to practice is derived from the home state*
40 *license.*

41 H. *An audiologist or speech-language pathologist practicing*
42 *in a member state must comply with the state practice laws of the*
43 *state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.*
44 *The practice of audiology and speech-language pathology shall*
45 *include all audiology and speech-language pathology practice as*



1 *defined by the state practice laws of the member state in which the*
2 *client is located. The practice of audiology and speech-language*
3 *pathology in a member state under a privilege to practice shall*
4 *subject an audiologist or speech-language pathologist to the*
5 *jurisdiction of the licensing board, the courts and the laws of the*
6 *member state in which the client is located at the time service is*
7 *provided.*

8 *I. Individuals not residing in a member state shall continue to*
9 *be able to apply for a member state's single-state license as*
10 *provided under the laws of each member state. However, the*
11 *single-state license granted to these individuals shall not be*
12 *recognized as granting the privilege to practice audiology or*
13 *speech-language pathology in any other member state. Nothing in*
14 *this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a*
15 *member state for the issuance of a single-state license.*

16 *J. Member states may charge a fee for granting a compact*
17 *privilege.*

18 *K. Member states must comply with the bylaws and rules and*
19 *regulations of the Commission.*

20
21 **SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE**
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23 *A. To exercise the compact privilege under the terms and*
24 *provisions of the Compact, the audiologist or speech-language*
25 *pathologist shall:*

- 26 *1. Hold an active license in the home state;*
27 *2. Have no encumbrance on any state license;*
28 *3. Be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state*
29 *in accordance with Section 3;*

30 *4. Have not had any adverse action against any license or*
31 *compact privilege within the previous 2 years from date of*
32 *application;*

33 *5. Notify the Commission that the licensee is seeking the*
34 *compact privilege within a remote state(s);*

35 *6. Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the*
36 *compact privilege;*

37 *7. Report to the Commission adverse action taken by any*
38 *non-member state within 30 days from the date the adverse action*
39 *is taken.*

40 *B. For the purposes of the compact privilege, an audiologist*
41 *or speech-language pathologist shall only hold one home state*
42 *license at a time.*

43 *C. Except as provided in Section 6, if an audiologist or*
44 *speech-language pathologist changes primary state of residence by*
45 *moving between two-member states, the audiologist or*



1 *speech-language pathologist must apply for licensure in the new*
2 *home state, and the license issued by the prior home state shall be*
3 *deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the*
4 *Commission.*

5 *D. The audiologist or speech-language pathologist may apply*
6 *for licensure in advance of a change in primary state of residence.*

7 *E. A license shall not be issued by the new home state until*
8 *the audiologist or speech-language pathologist provides*
9 *satisfactory evidence of a change in primary state of residence to*
10 *the new home state and satisfies all applicable requirements to*
11 *obtain a license from the new home state.*

12 *F. If an audiologist or speech-language pathologist changes*
13 *primary state of residence by moving from a member state to a*
14 *non-member state, the license issued by the prior home state shall*
15 *convert to a single-state license, valid only in the former home*
16 *state.*

17 *G. The compact privilege is valid until the expiration date of*
18 *the home state license. The licensee must comply with the*
19 *requirements of Section 4A to maintain the compact privilege in*
20 *the remote state.*

21 *H. A licensee providing audiology or speech-language*
22 *pathology services in a remote state under the compact privilege*
23 *shall function within the laws and regulations of the remote state.*

24 *I. A licensee providing audiology or speech-language*
25 *pathology services in a remote state is subject to that state's*
26 *regulatory authority. A remote state may, in accordance with due*
27 *process and that state's laws, remove a licensee's compact*
28 *privilege in the remote state for a specific period of time, impose*
29 *finest, and/or take any other necessary actions to protect the health*
30 *and safety of its citizens.*

31 *J. If a home state license is encumbered, the licensee shall*
32 *lose the compact privilege in any remote state until the following*
33 *occur:*

- 34 *1. The home state license is no longer encumbered; and*
35 *2. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse*
36 *action.*

37 *K. Once an encumbered license in the home state is restored*
38 *to good standing, the licensee must meet the requirements of*
39 *Section 4A to obtain a compact privilege in any remote state.*

40 *L. Once the requirements of Section 4J have been met, the*
41 *licensee must meet the requirements in Section 4A to obtain a*
42 *compact privilege in a remote state.*



1 **SECTION 5. COMPACT PRIVILEGE**
2 **TO PRACTICE TELEHEALTH**

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4 *Member states shall recognize the right of an audiologist or*
5 *speech-language pathologist, licensed by a home state in*
6 *accordance with Section 3 and under rules promulgated by the*
7 *Commission, to practice audiology or speech-language pathology*
8 *in any member state via telehealth under a privilege to practice as*
9 *provided in the Compact and rules promulgated by the*
10 *Commission.*

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12 **SECTION 6. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**
13 **PERSONNEL OR THEIR SPOUSES**

14
15 *Active duty military personnel, or their spouse, shall designate*
16 *a home state where the individual has a current license in good*
17 *standing. The individual may retain the home state designation*
18 *during the period the service member is on active duty.*
19 *Subsequent to designating a home state, the individual shall only*
20 *change their home state through application for licensure in the*
21 *new state.*

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23 **SECTION 7. ADVERSE ACTIONS**

24
25 *A. In addition to the other powers conferred by state law, a*
26 *remote state shall have the authority, in accordance with existing*
27 *state due process law, to:*

28 *1. Take adverse action against an audiologist's or speech-*
29 *language pathologist's privilege to practice within that member*
30 *state.*

31 *2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations*
32 *that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as*
33 *the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a licensing board*
34 *in a member state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or*
35 *the production of evidence from another member state shall be*
36 *enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction,*
37 *according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to*
38 *subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing*
39 *authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and*
40 *other fees required by the service statutes of the state in which the*
41 *witnesses or evidence are located.*

42 *3. Only the home state shall have the power to take adverse*
43 *action against an audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's*
44 *license issued by the home state.*



1 *B. For purposes of taking adverse action, the home state shall*
2 *give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from*
3 *a member state as it would if the conduct had occurred within the*
4 *home state. In so doing, the home state shall apply its own state*
5 *laws to determine appropriate action.*

6 *C. The home state shall complete any pending investigations*
7 *of an audiologist or speech-language pathologist who changes*
8 *primary state of residence during the course of the investigations.*
9 *The home state shall also have the authority to take appropriate*
10 *action(s) and shall promptly report the conclusions of the*
11 *investigations to the administrator of the data system. The*
12 *administrator of the coordinated licensure information system*
13 *shall promptly notify the new home state of any adverse actions.*

14 *D. If otherwise permitted by state law, the member state may*
15 *recover from the affected audiologist or speech-language*
16 *pathologist the costs of investigations and disposition of cases*
17 *resulting from any adverse action taken against that audiologist or*
18 *speech-language pathologist.*

19 *E. The member state may take adverse action based on the*
20 *factual findings of the remote state, provided that the member*
21 *state follows the member state's own procedures for taking the*
22 *adverse action.*

23 *F. Joint Investigations*

24 *1. In addition to the authority granted to a member state by*
25 *its respective audiology or speech-language pathology practice act*
26 *or other applicable state law, any member state may participate*
27 *with other member states in joint investigations of licensees.*

28 *2. Member states shall share any investigative, litigation, or*
29 *compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual*
30 *investigation initiated under the Compact.*

31 *G. If adverse action is taken by the home state against an*
32 *audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's license, the*
33 *audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's privilege to practice*
34 *in all other member states shall be deactivated until all*
35 *encumbrances have been removed from the state license. All home*
36 *state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action against an*
37 *audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's license shall*
38 *include a statement that the audiologist's or speech-language*
39 *pathologist's privilege to practice is deactivated in all member*
40 *states during the pendency of the order.*

41 *H. If a member state takes adverse action, it shall promptly*
42 *notify the administrator of the data system. The administrator of*
43 *the data system shall promptly notify the home state of any adverse*
44 *actions by remote states.*



1 *I. Nothing in this Compact shall override a member state's*
2 *decision that participation in an alternative program may be used*
3 *in lieu of adverse action.*
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5 **SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE**
6 **AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
7 **PATHOLOGY COMPACT COMMISSION**
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9 *A. The Compact member states hereby create and establish a*
10 *joint public agency known as the Audiology and Speech-Language*
11 *Pathology Compact Commission:*

12 *1. The Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact*
13 *states.*

14 *2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against*
15 *the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court*
16 *of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the*
17 *Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and*
18 *jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to*
19 *participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.*

20 *3. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a*
21 *waiver of sovereign immunity.*

22 *B. Membership, Voting and Meetings*

23 *1. Each member state shall have two (2) delegates selected*
24 *by that member state's licensing board. The delegates shall be*
25 *current members of the licensing board. One shall be an*
26 *audiologist and one shall be a speech-language pathologist.*

27 *2. An additional five (5) delegates, who are either a public*
28 *member or board administrator from a state licensing board, shall*
29 *be chosen by the Executive Committee from a pool of nominees*
30 *provided by the Commission at Large.*

31 *3. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from office*
32 *as provided by the law of the state from which the delegate is*
33 *appointed.*

34 *4. The member state board shall fill any vacancy occurring*
35 *on the Commission, within 90 days.*

36 *5. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote with*
37 *regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and*
38 *shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business*
39 *and affairs of the Commission.*

40 *6. A delegate shall vote in person or by other means as*
41 *provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates'*
42 *participation in meetings by telephone or other means of*
43 *communication.*



1 7. *The Commission shall meet at least once during each*
2 *calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the*
3 *bylaws.*

4 C. *The Commission shall have the following powers and*
5 *duties:*

6 1. *Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;*

7 2. *Establish bylaws;*

8 3. *Establish a Code of Ethics;*

9 4. *Maintain its financial records in accordance with the*
10 *bylaws;*

11 5. *Meet and take actions as are consistent with the*
12 *provisions of this Compact and the bylaws;*

13 6. *Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate*
14 *implementation and administration of this Compact. The rules*
15 *shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all*
16 *member states;*

17 7. *Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the*
18 *name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any state*
19 *audiology or speech-language pathology licensing board to sue or*
20 *be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;*

21 8. *Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;*

22 9. *Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel,*
23 *including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;*

24 10. *Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix*
25 *compensation, define duties, grant individuals appropriate*
26 *authority to carry out the purposes of the Compact, and to*
27 *establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs*
28 *relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and*
29 *other related personnel matters;*

30 11. *Accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of*
31 *money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to receive,*
32 *utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the*
33 *Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and/or*
34 *conflict of interest;*

35 12. *Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations*
36 *of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, real,*
37 *personal or mixed; provided that at all times the Commission shall*
38 *avoid any appearance of impropriety;*

39 13. *Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,*
40 *abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or*
41 *mixed;*

42 14. *Establish a budget and make expenditures;*

43 15. *Borrow money;*



1 16. *Appoint committees, including standing committees*
2 *composed of members, and other interested persons as may be*
3 *designated in this Compact and the bylaws;*

4 17. *Provide and receive information from, and cooperate*
5 *with, law enforcement agencies;*

6 18. *Establish and elect an Executive Committee; and*

7 19. *Perform other functions as may be necessary or*
8 *appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact consistent*
9 *with the state regulation of audiology and speech-language*
10 *pathology licensure and practice.*

11 D. *The Executive Committee*

12 *The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf*
13 *of the Commission according to the terms of this Compact:*

14 1. *The Executive Committee shall be composed of ten (10)*
15 *members:*

16 a. *Seven (7) voting members who are elected by the*
17 *Commission from the current membership of the Commission;*

18 b. *Two (2) ex-officios, consisting of one nonvoting*
19 *member from a recognized national audiology professional*
20 *association and one nonvoting member from a recognized*
21 *national speech-language pathology association; and*

22 c. *One (1) ex-officio, nonvoting member from the*
23 *recognized membership organization of the audiology and speech-*
24 *language pathology licensing boards.*

25 E. *The ex-officio members shall be selected by their*
26 *respective organizations.*

27 1. *The Commission may remove any member of the*
28 *Executive Committee as provided in bylaws.*

29 2. *The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually.*

30 3. *The Executive Committee shall have the following duties*
31 *and responsibilities:*

32 a. *Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the*
33 *rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees paid by*
34 *Compact member states such as annual dues, and any commission*
35 *Compact fee charged to licensees for the compact privilege;*

36 b. *Ensure Compact administration services are*
37 *appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;*

38 c. *Prepare and recommend the budget;*

39 d. *Maintain financial records on behalf of the*
40 *Commission;*

41 e. *Monitor Compact compliance of member states and*
42 *provide compliance reports to the Commission;*

43 f. *Establish additional committees as necessary; and*

44 g. *Other duties as provided in rules or bylaws.*

45 4. *Meetings of the Commission*



1 *All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of*
2 *meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the*
3 *rulemaking provisions in Section 10.*

4 *5. The Commission or the Executive Committee or other*
5 *committees of the Commission may convene in a closed, non-*
6 *public meeting if the Commission or Executive Committee or*
7 *other committees of the Commission must discuss:*

8 *a. Non-compliance of a member state with its*
9 *obligations under the Compact;*

10 *b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other*
11 *matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or*
12 *other matters related to the Commission's internal personnel*
13 *practices and procedures;*

14 *c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated*
15 *litigation;*

16 *d. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or*
17 *sale of goods, services, or real estate;*

18 *e. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring*
19 *any person;*

20 *f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial*
21 *information that is privileged or confidential;*

22 *g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature where*
23 *disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of*
24 *personal privacy;*

25 *h. Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law*
26 *enforcement purposes;*

27 *i. Disclosure of information related to any investigative*
28 *reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission*
29 *or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or*
30 *determination of compliance issues pursuant to the Compact; or*

31 *j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by*
32 *federal or member state statute.*

33 *6. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant*
34 *to this provision, the Commission's legal counsel or designee shall*
35 *certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each*
36 *relevant exempting provision.*

37 *7. The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and*
38 *clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall*
39 *provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the*
40 *reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed.*
41 *All documents considered in connection with an action shall be*
42 *identified in minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed*
43 *meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority*
44 *vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent*
45 *jurisdiction.*



1 8. *Financing of the Commission*

2 a. *The Commission shall pay, or provide for the*
3 *payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,*
4 *organization, and ongoing activities.*

5 b. *The Commission may accept any and all appropriate*
6 *revenue sources, donations, and grants of money, equipment,*
7 *supplies, materials, and services.*

8 c. *The Commission may levy on and collect an annual*
9 *assessment from each member state or impose fees on other*
10 *parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the*
11 *Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount*
12 *sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for*
13 *which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate*
14 *annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a*
15 *formula to be determined by the Commission, which shall*
16 *promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.*

17 9. *The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind*
18 *prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall*
19 *the Commission pledge the credit of any of the member states,*
20 *except by and with the authority of the member state.*

21 10. *The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all*
22 *receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the*
23 *Commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting*
24 *procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and*
25 *disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be*
26 *audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the*
27 *report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the*
28 *annual report of the Commission.*

29 F. *Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification*

30 1. *The members, officers, executive director, employees and*
31 *representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and*
32 *liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any*
33 *claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other*
34 *civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act,*
35 *error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom*
36 *the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred*
37 *within the scope of Commission employment, duties or*
38 *responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be*
39 *construed to protect any person from suit and/or liability for any*
40 *damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or*
41 *willful or wanton misconduct of that person.*

42 2. *The Commission shall defend any member, officer,*
43 *executive director, employee or representative of the Commission*
44 *in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any*
45 *actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the*



1 *scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or*
2 *that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable*
3 *basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission*
4 *employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing*
5 *herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining*
6 *his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or*
7 *alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's*
8 *intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.*

9 *3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any*
10 *member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of*
11 *the Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment*
12 *obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged*
13 *act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of*
14 *Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that person*
15 *had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of*
16 *Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that*
17 *the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the*
18 *intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.*

19 20 SECTION 9. DATA SYSTEM

21
22 *A. The Commission shall provide for the development,*
23 *maintenance, and utilization of a coordinated database and*
24 *reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and*
25 *investigative information on all licensed individuals in member*
26 *states.*

27 *B. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the*
28 *contrary, a member state shall submit a uniform data set to the*
29 *data system on all individuals to whom this Compact is applicable*
30 *as required by the rules of the Commission, including:*

- 31 *1. Identifying information;*
- 32 *2. Licensure data;*
- 33 *3. Adverse actions against a license or compact privilege;*
- 34 *4. Non-confidential information related to alternative*
35 *program participation;*
- 36 *5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s)*
37 *for denial; and*

38 *6. Other information that may facilitate the administration*
39 *of this Compact, as determined by the rules of the Commission.*

40 *C. Investigative information pertaining to a licensee in any*
41 *member state shall only be available to other member states.*

42 *D. The Commission shall promptly notify all member states*
43 *of any adverse action taken against a licensee or an individual*
44 *applying for a license. Adverse action information pertaining to a*



1 *licensee in any member state shall be available to any other*
2 *member state.*

3 *E. Member states contributing information to the data system*
4 *may designate information that may not be shared with the public*
5 *without the express permission of the contributing state.*

6 *F. Any information submitted to the data system that is*
7 *subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the member*
8 *state contributing the information shall be removed from the data*
9 *system.*

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11 **SECTION 10. RULEMAKING**

12
13 *A. The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers*
14 *pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the rules*
15 *adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding*
16 *as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.*

17 *B. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states*
18 *rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same*
19 *manner used to adopt the Compact within 4 years of the date of*
20 *adoption of the rule, the rule shall have no further force and effect*
21 *in any member state.*

22 *C. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a*
23 *regular or special meeting of the Commission.*

24 *D. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules*
25 *by the Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the*
26 *meeting at which the rule shall be considered and voted upon, the*
27 *Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:*

28 *1. On the website of the Commission or other publicly*
29 *accessible platform; and*

30 *2. On the website of each member state audiology or*
31 *speech-language pathology licensing board or other publicly*
32 *accessible platform or the publication in which each state would*
33 *otherwise publish proposed rules.*

34 *E. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:*

35 *1. The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in*
36 *which the rule shall be considered and voted upon;*

37 *2. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the*
38 *reason for the proposed rule;*

39 *3. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any*
40 *interested person; and*

41 *4. The manner in which interested persons may submit*
42 *notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the public*
43 *hearing and any written comments.*



1 *F. Prior to the adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission*
2 *shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and*
3 *arguments, which shall be made available to the public.*

4 *G. The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public*
5 *hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is*
6 *requested by:*

7 *1. At least twenty-five (25) persons;*

8 *2. A state or federal governmental subdivision or agency;*

9 *or*

10 *3. An association having at least twenty-five (25) members.*

11 *H. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment,*
12 *the Commission shall publish the place, time, and date of the*
13 *scheduled public hearing. If the hearing is held via electronic*
14 *means, the Commission shall publish the mechanism for access to*
15 *the electronic hearing.*

16 *1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall*
17 *notify the executive director of the Commission or other*
18 *designated member in writing of their desire to appear and testify*
19 *at the hearing not less than five (5) business days before the*
20 *scheduled date of the hearing.*

21 *2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each*
22 *person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity*
23 *to comment orally or in writing.*

24 *3. All hearings shall be recorded. A copy of the recording*
25 *shall be made available on request.*

26 *4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a*
27 *separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the*
28 *convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this*
29 *section.*

30 *I. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of*
31 *business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not*
32 *held, the Commission shall consider all written and oral comments*
33 *received.*

34 *J. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing*
35 *by interested parties is received, the Commission may proceed with*
36 *promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.*

37 *K. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members,*
38 *take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the*
39 *effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record*
40 *and the full text of the rule.*

41 *L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the*
42 *Commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without*
43 *prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that*
44 *the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in*
45 *this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as*



1 *reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after*
2 *the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an*
3 *emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order*
4 *to:*

5 *1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or*
6 *welfare;*

7 *2. Prevent a loss of Commission or member state funds; or*

8 *3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an*
9 *administrative rule that is established by federal law or rule.*

10 *M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the*
11 *Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or*
12 *amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors*
13 *in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public*
14 *notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the*
15 *Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any*
16 *person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision*
17 *may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a*
18 *material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing*
19 *and delivered to the chair of the Commission prior to the end of*
20 *the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision shall take*
21 *effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the*
22 *revision may not take effect without the approval of the*
23 *Commission.*

24
25 **SECTION II. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE**
26 **RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT**

27
28 **A. Dispute Resolution**

29 *1. Upon request by a member state, the Commission shall*
30 *attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise*
31 *among member states and between member and non-member*
32 *states.*

33 *2. The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for*
34 *both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as*
35 *appropriate.*

36 **B. Enforcement**

37 *1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its*
38 *discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this Compact.*

39 *2. By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal*
40 *action in the United States District Court for the District of*
41 *Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its*
42 *principal offices against a member state in default to enforce*
43 *compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its*
44 *promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both*
45 *injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is*



1 *necessary, the prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of*
2 *litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.*

3 *3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies*
4 *of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other*
5 *remedies available under federal or state law.*

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7 **SECTION 12. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION**
8 **OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR**
9 **AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
10 **PATHOLOGY PRACTICE AND ASSOCIATED**
11 **RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT**
12

13 *A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which*
14 *the Compact statute is enacted into law in the 10th member state.*
15 *The provisions, which become effective at that time, shall be*
16 *limited to the powers granted to the Commission relating to*
17 *assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the*
18 *Commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary*
19 *to the implementation and administration of the Compact.*

20 *B. Any state that joins the Compact subsequent to the*
21 *Commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to the*
22 *rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes law*
23 *in that state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the*
24 *Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day*
25 *the Compact becomes law in that state.*

26 *C. Any member state may withdraw from this Compact by*
27 *enacting a statute repealing the same.*

28 *1. A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until*
29 *six (6) months after enactment of the repealing statute.*

30 *2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement*
31 *of the withdrawing state's audiology or speech-language*
32 *pathology licensing board to comply with the investigative and*
33 *adverse action reporting requirements of this act prior to the*
34 *effective date of withdrawal.*

35 *D. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to*
36 *invalidate or prevent any audiology or speech-language pathology*
37 *licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a*
38 *member state and a non-member state that does not conflict with*
39 *the provisions of this Compact.*

40 *E. This Compact may be amended by the member states. No*
41 *amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding*
42 *upon any member state until it is enacted into the laws of all*
43 *member states.*



1 **SECTION 13. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY**

2
3 *This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate*
4 *the purposes thereof. The provisions of this Compact shall be*
5 *severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this*
6 *Compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any*
7 *member state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to*
8 *any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid,*
9 *the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability*
10 *thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall*
11 *not be affected thereby. If this Compact shall be held contrary to*
12 *the constitution of any member state, the Compact shall remain in*
13 *full force and effect as to the remaining member states and in full*
14 *force and effect as to the member state affected as to all severable*
15 *matters.*

16
17 **SECTION 14. BINDING EFFECT OF**
18 **COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS**

19
20 **A. Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law**
21 **of a member state that is not inconsistent with the Compact.**

22 **B. All laws in a member state in conflict with the Compact**
23 **are superseded to the extent of the conflict.**

24 **C. All lawful actions of the Commission, including all rules**
25 **and bylaws promulgated by the Commission, are binding upon the**
26 **member states.**

27 **D. All agreements between the Commission and the member**
28 **states are binding in accordance with their terms.**

29 **E. In the event any provision of the Compact exceeds the**
30 **constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member**
31 **state, the provision shall be ineffective to the extent of the conflict**
32 **with the constitutional provision in question in that member state.**

33 **Sec. 2.** NRS 637B.288 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 637B.288 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
35 NRS 239.0115 **§** and **section 1 of this act**, a complaint filed with
36 the Board, all documents and other information filed with the
37 complaint and all documents and other information compiled as a
38 result of an investigation conducted to determine whether to initiate
39 disciplinary action against a person are confidential, unless the
40 person submits a written statement to the Board requesting that such
41 documents and information be made public records.

42 2. The charging documents filed with the Board to initiate
43 disciplinary action pursuant to chapter 622A of NRS and all
44 documents and information considered by the Board when
45 determining whether to impose discipline are public records.



1 3. The Board shall, to the extent feasible, communicate or
2 cooperate with or provide any documents or other information to
3 any other licensing board or any other agency that is investigating a
4 person, including, without limitation, a law enforcement agency.

5 **Sec. 3.** The preliminary chapter of NRS is hereby amended by
6 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

7 *Except as otherwise expressly provided in a particular statute*
8 *or required by the context, privilege to practice as an audiologist*
9 *or speech-language pathologist in this State under the Audiology*
10 *and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact ratified and*
11 *entered into in section 1 of this act shall be deemed to be*
12 *equivalent to the corresponding license.*

13 **Sec. 4.** NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
15 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.0397, 41.071, 49.095,
16 49.293, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030,
17 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152,
18 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413,
19 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345,
20 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270,
21 116B.880, 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280,
22 119A.280, 119A.653, 119A.677, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.640,
23 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730,
24 127.007, 127.057, 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312,
25 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 159A.044, 164.041, 172.075, 172.245,
26 176.01334, 176.01385, 176.015, 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156,
27 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 178.5691, 178.5717, 179.495,
28 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 180.600, 200.3771, 200.3772,
29 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392, 209.3923,
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31 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 217.475, 218A.350,
32 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 218G.615,
33 224.240, 226.462, 226.796, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570,
34 231.069, 231.1285, 231.1473, 232.1369, 233.190, 237.300,
35 239.0105, 239.0113, 239.014, 239B.026, 239B.030, 239B.040,
36 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270,
37 239C.420, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030, 241.039, 242.105, 244.264,
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28 571.160, 584.655, 587.877, 598.0964, 598.098, 598A.110,
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41 640B.405, 640B.730, 640C.580, 640C.600, 640C.620, 640C.745,
42 640C.760, 640D.135, 640D.190, 640E.225, 640E.340, 641.090,
43 641.221, 641.2215, 641A.191, 641A.217, 641A.262, 641B.170,
44 641B.281, 641B.282, 641C.455, 641C.760, 641D.260, 641D.320,
45 642.524, 643.189, 644A.870, 645.180, 645.625, 645A.050,



1 645A.082, 645B.060, 645B.092, 645C.220, 645C.225, 645D.130,
2 645D.135, 645G.510, 645H.320, 645H.330, 647.0945, 647.0947,
3 648.033, 648.197, 649.065, 649.067, 652.126, 652.228, 653.900,
4 654.110, 656.105, 657A.510, 661.115, 665.130, 665.133, 669.275,
5 669.285, 669A.310, 670B.680, 671.365, 671.415, 673.450, 673.480,
6 675.380, 676A.340, 676A.370, 677.243, 678A.470, 678C.710,
7 678C.800, 679B.122, 679B.124, 679B.152, 679B.159, 679B.190,
8 679B.285, 679B.690, 680A.270, 681A.440, 681B.260, 681B.410,
9 681B.540, 683A.0873, 685A.077, 686A.289, 686B.170, 686C.306,
10 687A.060, 687A.115, 687B.404, 687C.010, 688C.230, 688C.480,
11 688C.490, 689A.696, 692A.117, 692C.190, 692C.3507, 692C.3536,
12 692C.3538, 692C.354, 692C.420, 693A.480, 693A.615, 696B.550,
13 696C.120, 703.196, 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230, 710.159,
14 711.600, *and section 1 of this act*, sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter
15 478, Statutes of Nevada 2011 and section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes
16 of Nevada 2013 and unless otherwise declared by law to be
17 confidential, all public books and public records of a governmental
18 entity must be open at all times during office hours to inspection by
19 any person, and may be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum
20 may be prepared from those public books and public records. Any
21 such copies, abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the
22 general public with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or
23 may be used in any other way to the advantage of the governmental
24 entity or of the general public. This section does not supersede or in
25 any manner affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge,
26 diminish or affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any
27 written book or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.
28 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record
29 which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.
30 3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a
31 public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to
32 subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or
33 record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains
34 information that is confidential if the governmental entity can
35 redact, delete, conceal or separate, including, without limitation,
36 electronically, the confidential information from the information
37 included in the public book or record that is not otherwise
38 confidential.
39 4. If requested, a governmental entity shall provide a copy of a
40 public record in an electronic format by means of an electronic
41 medium. Nothing in this subsection requires a governmental entity
42 to provide a copy of a public record in an electronic format or by
43 means of an electronic medium if:
44 (a) The public record:
45 (1) Was not created or prepared in an electronic format; and



1 (2) Is not available in an electronic format; or
2 (b) Providing the public record in an electronic format or by
3 means of an electronic medium would:

4 (1) Give access to proprietary software; or
5 (2) Require the production of information that is confidential
6 and that cannot be redacted, deleted, concealed or separated from
7 information that is not otherwise confidential.

8 5. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity who
9 has legal custody or control of a public record:

10 (a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in the
11 medium that is requested because the officer, employee or agent has
12 already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different
13 medium.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon
15 request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require
16 the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself
17 or herself.

18 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



