
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 60—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain behavioral health services. (BDR 39-434)

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 behavioral health; requiring the certification of a natural person who holds himself or herself out as a certified prevention specialist; prohibiting a minor from providing or supervising the provision of peer recovery support services in most circumstances; authorizing certain minors to serve as peer recovery support specialist interns; authorizing the imposition of civil penalties for certain violations; prohibiting the employment or retention as an independent contractor of a natural person to serve as a certified prevention specialist in a position where the natural person has regular and substantial contact with minors if the natural person has been found to have engaged in certain conduct; requiring a certified prevention specialist to report certain information; requiring a substance use disorder prevention coalition to employ or enter into contracts with certified prevention specialists for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 In general, existing law requires an adult to be certified as a peer recovery
- 2 support specialist or peer recovery support specialist supervisor by the Nevada
- 3 Certification Board or, if that Board ceases issuing such certificates, the Division of



4 Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, in
5 order to provide peer recovery support services or supervise the provision of such
6 services, as applicable, for compensation as a regular part of his or her job duties.
7 However, existing law authorizes an adult who is not a peer recovery support
8 specialist to provide peer recovery support services as a regular part of his or her
9 job duties while serving as a peer recovery support specialist intern if the Nevada
10 Certification Board or the Division, as applicable, has established conditions
11 authorizing such internships. (NRS 433.631) **Section 7** of this bill additionally
12 imposes a general prohibition on a minor providing or supervising the provision of
13 peer recovery support services for compensation as a regular part of his or her job
14 duties. However, **section 7** authorizes a minor who is at least 16 years of age to
15 provide such services for compensation as a regular part of his or her job duties
16 while serving as a peer recovery support specialist intern if the Nevada
17 Certification Board or the Division, as applicable, has established conditions
18 authorizing such internships. **Sections 7 and 13** of this bill authorize the Division
19 to impose a civil penalty or bring an action for an injunction against a minor who:
20 (1) provides peer recovery support services and is not a peer recovery support
21 specialist intern; or (2) supervises the provision of peer recovery support services.
22 **Sections 4-6, 14 and 15** of this bill make various conforming changes to: (1) reflect
23 that the provisions of law governing peer recovery support services apply to both
24 adults and minors; and (2) clarify that those provisions of law apply only to natural
25 persons. **Section 25** of this bill repeals a definition that is no longer used, and
26 **section 2** of this bill eliminates a reference to that definition.

27 **Sections 3, 7 and 8** of this bill prohibit a natural person from holding himself
28 or herself out as a certified prevention specialist unless he or she is certified as such
29 by the Nevada Certification Board or, if that Board ceases to certify certified
30 prevention specialists, peer recovery support specialists or peer recovery support
31 specialist supervisors, the Division. **Section 1** of this bill defines "certified
32 prevention specialist" to mean a natural person who: (1) holds such certification;
33 and (2) implements evidence-based programs and other evidence-based
34 interventions in schools or communities to prevent or reduce the harms caused by
35 substance misuse, substance use disorder and other behavioral health disorders or
36 address systemic barriers to wellness. **Section 2** of this bill makes conforming
37 changes to indicate the applicability of that definition. **Sections 7 and 13** authorize
38 the Division to impose a civil penalty or bring an action for an injunction against a
39 natural person who holds himself or herself out as a certified prevention specialist
40 without being certified as such. **Sections 9-12, 14-17 and 19-23** of this bill make
41 various changes so that certified prevention specialists are treated similarly to peer
42 recovery support specialists and peer recovery support specialist supervisors for
43 purposes related to: (1) regulation, certification and background checks; (2)
44 mandatory reporting of certain crimes and violations; and (3) exemption from the
45 applicability of provisions of law governing certain other professions that provide
46 behavioral health services.

47 Existing law: (1) provides for the certification of substance use disorder
48 prevention coalitions; (2) requires a certified substance use disorder prevention
49 coalition to perform certain duties relating to the prevention of substance misuse
50 and substance use disorder; and (3) requires the Division to collaborate with and
51 utilize certified substance use disorder prevention coalitions as the primary local
52 and regional entities to coordinate programs and strategies for the prevention of
53 substance use disorders in this State. (NRS 458.033) **Section 18** of this bill requires
54 a substance use disorder prevention coalition to employ or enter into contracts with
55 certified prevention specialists as necessary to perform the duties of the coalition.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 433 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *“Certified prevention specialist” means a natural person who:*

4 1. *Plans and implements evidence-based programs and other*
5 *evidence-based interventions in schools or communities to:*

6 (a) *Prevent substance misuse, substance use disorder and*
7 *other behavioral health disorders;*

8 (b) *Reduce the harms caused by substance misuse, substance*
9 *use disorder and other behavioral health disorders; or*

10 (c) *Address systemic barriers to wellness for the purposes of*
11 *improving public health and reducing the frequency of substance*
12 *misuse, substance use disorder and other behavioral health*
13 *disorders; and*

14 2. *Is authorized under the provisions of NRS 433.631 to hold*
15 *himself or herself out as a certified prevention specialist.*

16 **Sec. 2.** NRS 433.622 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 433.622 As used in NRS 433.622 to 433.641, inclusive, *and*
18 *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
19 words and terms defined in NRS ~~433.623~~ *433.624* to 433.629,
20 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
21 them in those sections.

22 **Sec. 3.** NRS 433.625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 433.625 “Certificate” means a certificate issued by the
24 Division that authorizes the holder to *hold himself or herself out as*
25 *a certified prevention specialist or* provide or supervise the
26 provision of peer recovery support services, as applicable.

27 **Sec. 4.** NRS 433.627 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 433.627 “Peer recovery support specialist” means ~~an adult~~ *a*
29 *natural person* who is authorized under the provisions of NRS
30 433.631 to provide peer recovery support services for compensation
31 as a regular part of his or her job duties. The term does not include a
32 peer recovery support specialist intern.

33 **Sec. 5.** NRS 433.628 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 433.628 “Peer recovery support specialist intern” means ~~an~~
35 ~~adult~~ *a natural person* who is authorized under the provisions of
36 NRS 433.631 to provide peer recovery support services for
37 compensation as a regular part of his or her job duties while the
38 ~~adult~~ *natural person* is acquiring the experience necessary for
39 certification as a peer recovery support specialist.

40 **Sec. 6.** NRS 433.629 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 433.629 “Peer recovery support specialist supervisor” means
42 ~~an adult~~ *a natural person* who is authorized under the provisions



1 of NRS 433.631 to supervise the provision of peer recovery support
2 services for compensation as a regular part of his or her job duties.

3 **Sec. 7.** NRS 433.631 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 433.631 1. Except as authorized by subsection 2, ~~an adult~~ **a**
5 **natural person** shall not:

6 (a) Provide peer recovery support services for compensation as a
7 regular part of his or her job duties or hold himself or herself out as
8 authorized to provide peer recovery support services unless he or
9 she ~~holds~~ :

10 (1) **Is at least 18 years of age; and**

11 (2) **Holds** a valid certificate as a peer recovery support
12 specialist issued by the Nevada Certification Board or its successor
13 organization.

14 (b) Supervise the provision of peer recovery support services for
15 compensation as a regular part of his or her job duties or hold
16 himself or herself out as authorized to supervise the provision of
17 peer recovery support services unless he or she ~~holds~~ :

18 (1) **Is at least 18 years of age; and**

19 (2) **Holds** a valid certificate as a peer recovery support
20 specialist supervisor issued by the Nevada Certification Board or its
21 successor organization.

22 (c) **Hold himself or herself out as a certified prevention**
23 **specialist unless he or she:**

24 (1) **Is at least 18 years of age; and**

25 (2) **Holds a valid certificate as a certified prevention**
26 **specialist issued by the Nevada Certification Board or its successor**
27 **organization.**

28 2. If the Nevada Certification Board or its successor
29 organization establishes conditions governing the provision of peer
30 recovery support services by a **natural** person who is not certified as
31 a peer recovery support specialist while the **natural** person is
32 acquiring the experience necessary for certification as a peer
33 recovery support specialist, ~~an adult~~ **a natural person** who is **at**
34 **least 16 years of age and is** not certified as a peer recovery support
35 specialist may:

36 (a) Provide peer recovery support services for compensation as a
37 regular part of his or her job duties under those conditions; and

38 (b) Use the title of “peer recovery support specialist intern”
39 while providing peer recovery support services under those
40 conditions.

41 3. The Division may impose upon ~~an adult~~ **a natural person**
42 who violates this section a civil penalty in an amount prescribed by
43 regulation of the Board.



1 **Sec. 8.** NRS 433.631 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 433.631 1. Except as authorized by subsection 2, ~~{an adult}~~ *a*
3 *natural person* shall not:

4 (a) Provide peer recovery support services for compensation as a
5 regular part of his or her job duties or hold himself or herself out as
6 authorized to provide peer recovery support services unless he or
7 she ~~{holds}~~ :

8 (1) *Is at least 18 years of age; and*

9 (2) *Holds* a valid certificate as a peer recovery support
10 specialist issued by the Division.

11 (b) Supervise the provision of peer recovery support services for
12 compensation as a regular part of his or her job duties or hold
13 himself or herself out as authorized to supervise the provision of
14 peer recovery support services unless he or she ~~{holds}~~ :

15 (1) *Is at least 18 years of age; and*

16 (2) *Holds* a valid certificate as a peer recovery support
17 specialist supervisor issued by the Division.

18 (c) *Hold himself or herself out as a certified prevention*
19 *specialist unless he or she:*

20 (1) *Is at least 18 years of age; and*

21 (2) *Holds a valid certificate as a certified prevention*
22 *specialist issued by the Division.*

23 2. The Division may adopt regulations establishing conditions
24 under which ~~{an adult}~~ *a natural person* who is *at least 16 years of*
25 *age and is* not certified as a peer recovery support specialist may:

26 (a) Provide peer recovery support services for compensation as a
27 regular part of his or her job duties while acquiring the experience
28 necessary for certification; and

29 (b) Use the title of “peer recovery support specialist intern.”

30 3. The Division may impose upon ~~{an adult}~~ *a natural person*
31 who violates this section a civil penalty in an amount prescribed by
32 regulation of the Board.

33 **Sec. 9.** NRS 433.632 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 433.632 1. The Board shall adopt regulations governing *the*
35 *practice of certified prevention specialists and* the provision of peer
36 recovery support services. The regulations must prescribe:

37 (a) The requirements for the issuance and renewal of a
38 certificate as a *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery support
39 specialist or peer recovery support specialist supervisor, which must
40 include, without limitation, required training and experience for
41 *certified prevention specialists*, peer recovery support specialists
42 and peer recovery support specialist supervisors.

43 (b) Requirements governing the supervision of peer recovery
44 support specialists by peer recovery support specialist supervisors.



1 (c) Procedures for the Division to investigate misconduct by a
2 *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or
3 peer recovery support specialist supervisor and to impose
4 disciplinary action for such misconduct.

5 (d) The forms of disciplinary action that the Division may
6 impose against a *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery
7 support specialist or peer recovery support specialist supervisor.

8 2. The Board may, by regulation, prescribe a fee for:

9 (a) The issuance of a certificate; and

10 (b) The renewal of a certificate.

11 3. Any fee prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 must be
12 calculated to produce the revenue estimated to cover the costs
13 related to the issuance and renewal of certificates, but in no case
14 may the fee for the issuance or renewal of a certificate exceed the
15 actual cost to the Division of issuing or renewing the certificate, as
16 applicable.

17 4. The regulations adopted pursuant to this section may
18 establish exemptions from the provisions of NRS 433.631.

19 **Sec. 10.** NRS 433.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 433.635 1. The Division may issue a certificate by
21 endorsement as a *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery
22 support specialist or peer recovery support specialist supervisor to
23 an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An
24 applicant may submit to the Division an application for such a
25 certificate if the applicant holds a corresponding valid and
26 unrestricted license, certificate or other credential as a *certified*
27 *prevention specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or peer
28 recovery support specialist supervisor, as applicable, in the District
29 of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

30 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to
31 this section must submit to the Division with his or her application:

32 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Division that the applicant:

33 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

34 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the
35 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or
36 any state or territory in which the applicant currently holds or has
37 held a license, certificate or other credential as a *certified*
38 *prevention specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or peer
39 recovery support specialist supervisor, as applicable; and

40 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for
41 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
42 the United States;

43 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the
44 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;



1 (c) The fee prescribed by the Board in the regulations adopted
2 pursuant to NRS 433.632; and

3 (d) Any other information required by the Division.

4 3. Not later than 15 business days after the Division receives an
5 application for a certificate by endorsement as a *certified prevention*
6 *specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or peer recovery support
7 specialist supervisor pursuant to this section, the Division shall
8 provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
9 required by the Division to consider the application. Unless the
10 Division denies the application for good cause, the Division shall
11 approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as a
12 *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or
13 peer recovery support specialist supervisor, as applicable, to the
14 applicant not later than 45 days after receiving the application.

15 **Sec. 11.** NRS 433.636 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 433.636 1. The Division may issue a certificate by
17 endorsement as a *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery
18 support specialist or peer recovery support specialist supervisor to
19 an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An
20 applicant may submit to the Division an application for such a
21 certificate if the applicant:

22 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license,
23 certificate or other credential as a *certified prevention specialist*,
24 peer recovery support specialist or peer recovery support specialist
25 supervisor, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or
26 territory of the United States; and

27 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member
28 of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the spouse,
29 widow or widower of a veteran.

30 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to
31 this section must submit to the Division with his or her application:

32 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Division that the applicant:

33 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

34 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the
35 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or
36 any state or territory in which the applicant currently holds or has
37 held a license, certificate or other credential as a *certified*
38 *prevention specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or peer
39 recovery support specialist supervisor, as applicable; and

40 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for
41 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
42 the United States;

43 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the
44 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;



1 (c) The fee prescribed by the Board in the regulations adopted
2 pursuant to NRS 433.632; and

3 (d) Any other information required by the Division.

4 3. Not later than 15 business days after the Division receives an
5 application for a certificate by endorsement as a *certified prevention*
6 *specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or peer recovery support
7 specialist supervisor pursuant to this section, the Division shall
8 provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
9 required by the Division to consider the application. Unless the
10 Division denies the application for good cause, the Division shall
11 approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as a
12 *certified prevention specialist*, peer recovery support specialist or
13 peer recovery support specialist supervisor, as applicable, to the
14 applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional
15 information required by the Division to complete the application.

16 4. At any time before making a final decision on an application
17 for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the
18 Division may grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant
19 to *hold himself or herself out as a certified prevention specialist or*
20 *practice as a peer recovery support specialist or peer recovery*
21 *support specialist supervisor*, as applicable, in accordance with
22 regulations adopted by the Board.

23 5. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed
24 to it in NRS 417.005.

25 **Sec. 12.** NRS 433.637 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 433.637 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in
27 NRS 433.622 to 433.641, inclusive, an applicant for the renewal of a
28 certificate as a *certified prevention specialist*, recovery support
29 specialist or recovery support specialist supervisor must indicate in
30 the application submitted to the Division whether the applicant has a
31 state business license. If the applicant has a state business license,
32 the applicant must include in the application the business
33 identification number assigned by the Secretary of State upon
34 compliance with the provisions of chapter 76 of NRS.

35 2. A certificate may not be renewed if:

36 (a) The applicant fails to submit the information required by
37 subsection 1; or

38 (b) The State Controller has informed the Division pursuant to
39 subsection 5 of NRS 353C.1965 that the applicant owes a debt to an
40 agency that has been assigned to the State Controller for collection
41 and the applicant has not:

42 (1) Satisfied the debt;

43 (2) Entered into an agreement for the payment of the debt
44 pursuant to NRS 353C.130; or

45 (3) Demonstrated that the debt is not valid.



3. As used in this section:

(a) "Agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353C.020.

(b) "Debt" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353C.040.

Sec. 13. NRS 433.638 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.638 1. The Division may bring an action in the name of the State of Nevada to enjoin any ~~adult~~ *natural person* from engaging in conduct that violates the provisions of NRS 433.631.

2. It is sufficient in such an action to allege that the defendant did, on a certain date and in a certain place, engage in conduct for which a certificate is required by NRS 433.631 without a valid certificate.

Sec. 14. NRS 433.639 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.639 1. Not later than 3 days after employing a *natural person* to *serve as a certified prevention specialist or* provide or supervise the provision of peer recovery support services in a position where the *natural person* has regular and substantial contact with minors or retaining a *natural person* as an independent contractor to *serve as a certified prevention specialist or* provide or supervise the provision of peer recovery support services in such a position and every 5 years thereafter, an employer, or person or entity who retained the independent contractor, shall:

(a) Obtain from the employee or independent contractor written authorization for the release of any information that may be available from the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established pursuant to NRS 432.100; and

(b) Complete a child abuse and neglect screening through the Central Registry to determine whether there has been a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect or a violation of NRS 201.540, 201.553, 201.560, 392.4633 or 394.366 made against the *natural person*.

2. Except as otherwise provided in any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 4, upon receiving information pursuant to subsection 1 from the Central Registry or from any other source that an employee or independent contractor described in subsection 1 has, within the immediately preceding 5 years, had a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect or a violation of NRS 201.540, 201.553, 201.560, 392.4633 or 394.366 made against him or her, the employer or person or entity who retained the independent contractor shall terminate the employment or contract of the employee or independent contractor, as applicable, after allowing the employee or independent contractor time to correct the information as required pursuant to subsection 3.

3. If an employee or independent contractor described in subsection 1 believes that the information provided to the employer



1 or person or entity who retained the independent contractor pursuant
2 to subsection 2 is incorrect, the employee or independent contractor
3 must inform the employer, person or entity immediately. The
4 employer, person or entity shall give any such employee or
5 independent contractor 30 days to correct the information.

6 4. The Division, in consultation with each agency which
7 provides child welfare services, may establish by regulation a
8 process by which it may review evidence upon request to determine
9 whether an employee or independent contractor described in
10 subsection 1 who has, within the immediately preceding 5 years,
11 had a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect or a violation of
12 NRS 201.540, 201.553, 201.560, 392.4633 or 394.366 made against
13 him or her may continue to *serve as a certified prevention specialist*
14 *or* provide or supervise the provision of peer recovery support
15 services, *as applicable*, and have regular and substantial contact
16 with minors despite the report. Any such review must be conducted
17 in a manner which does not discriminate against a *natural* person in
18 violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq.

19 5. If a process for review is established pursuant to subsection
20 4, an employee or independent contractor described in subsection 1
21 may request such a review in the manner established by the
22 Division. Any determination made by the Division is final for
23 purposes of judicial review.

24 6. During any period in which an employee or independent
25 contractor seeks to correct information pursuant to subsection 3 or
26 requests a review of information pursuant to subsection 5, it is
27 within the discretion of the employer or person or entity who
28 retained the independent contractor whether to allow the employee
29 or independent contractor to continue to work for the employer,
30 person or entity, as applicable, except that the employee or
31 independent contractor shall not have regular and substantial contact
32 with minors without supervision during such a period.

33 7. The Division shall adopt regulations to establish civil
34 penalties to be imposed against any person or entity that fails to
35 comply with the requirements of this section.

36 8. As used in this section, "agency which provides child
37 welfare services" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 424.011.

38 **Sec. 15.** NRS 433.641 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 433.641 1. A person or entity that employs a *natural* person
40 or retains an independent contractor for the purpose of *servicing as a*
41 *certified prevention specialist or* providing or supervising the
42 provision of peer recovery support services in a position where the
43 *natural* person has regular and substantial contact with minors shall
44 maintain records of the information concerning such employees and
45 independent contractors that is collected pursuant to NRS 433.639,



1 including, without limitation, the written authorization for the
2 release of information from the Statewide Central Registry for the
3 Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a
4 Child established pursuant to NRS 432.100.

5 2. The records maintained pursuant to subsection 1 must be:

6 (a) Maintained for the period that the employee or independent
7 contractor has regular and substantial contact with minors; and

8 (b) Made available for inspection by the Division at any
9 reasonable time and copies thereof must be furnished to the Division
10 upon request.

11 **Sec. 16.** NRS 200.5093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 200.5093 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4 and
13 who, in a professional or occupational capacity, knows or has
14 reasonable cause to believe that an older person or vulnerable
15 person has been abused, neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned
16 shall:

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the
18 abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of the older
19 person or vulnerable person to:

20 (1) The local office of the Aging and Disability Services
21 Division of the Department of Health and Human Services;

22 (2) A police department or sheriff's office; or

23 (3) A toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging and
24 Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and
25 Human Services; and

26 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not
27 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to
28 believe that the older person or vulnerable person has been abused,
29 neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned.

30 2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to
31 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the
32 abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of the older
33 person or vulnerable person involves an act or omission of the
34 Aging and Disability Services Division, another division of the
35 Department of Health and Human Services or a law enforcement
36 agency, the person shall make the report to an agency other than the
37 one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

38 3. Each agency, after reducing a report to writing, shall forward
39 a copy of the report to the Aging and Disability Services Division of
40 the Department of Health and Human Services and the Unit for the
41 Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes.

42 4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the
43 following persons:

44 (a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, expanded function
45 dental assistant, chiropractic physician, naprapath, optometrist,



1 podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional
2 or practical nurse, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter
3 630 or 633 of NRS, anesthesiologist assistant, perfusionist,
4 psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical
5 professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug counselor, alcohol
6 and drug counselor, music therapist, athletic trainer, driver of an
7 ambulance, paramedic, licensed dietitian, holder of a license or a
8 limited license issued under the provisions of chapter 653 of NRS,
9 behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst, registered behavior
10 technician, *certified prevention specialist, as defined in section 1 of*
11 *this act*, peer recovery support specialist, as defined in NRS
12 433.627, peer recovery support specialist supervisor, as defined in
13 NRS 433.629, or other person providing medical services licensed
14 or certified to practice in this State, who examines, attends or treats
15 an older person or vulnerable person who appears to have been
16 abused, neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned.

17 (b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in
18 the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an
19 administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or
20 similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect,
21 exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person or
22 vulnerable person by a member of the staff of the hospital.

23 (c) A coroner.

24 (d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to
25 provide personal care services in the home.

26 (e) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to
27 provide nursing in the home.

28 (f) Every person who operates, who is employed by or who
29 contracts to provide services for an intermediary service
30 organization as defined in NRS 449.4304.

31 (g) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human
32 Services, except the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman appointed
33 pursuant to NRS 427A.125 and any of his or her advocates or
34 volunteers where prohibited from making such a report pursuant to
35 45 C.F.R. § 1321.11.

36 (h) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's
37 office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation
38 officer.

39 (i) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or
40 establishment that provides care for older persons or vulnerable
41 persons.

42 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a
43 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding
44 the abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an



1 older person or vulnerable person and refers them to persons and
2 agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

3 (k) Every social worker.

4 (l) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or
5 mortuary.

6 (m) Every person who operates or is employed by a community
7 health worker pool, as defined in NRS 449.0028, or with whom a
8 community health worker pool contracts to provide the services of a
9 community health worker, as defined in NRS 449.0027.

10 (n) Every person who is enrolled with the Division of Health
11 Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human
12 Services to provide doula services to recipients of Medicaid
13 pursuant to NRS 422.27177.

14 5. A report may be made by any other person.

15 6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to
16 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older
17 person or vulnerable person has died as a result of abuse, neglect,
18 isolation or abandonment, the person shall, as soon as reasonably
19 practicable, report this belief to the appropriate medical examiner or
20 coroner, who shall investigate the cause of death of the older person
21 or vulnerable person and submit to the appropriate local law
22 enforcement agencies, the appropriate prosecuting attorney, the
23 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health
24 and Human Services and the Unit for the Investigation and
25 Prosecution of Crimes his or her written findings. The written
26 findings must include the information required pursuant to the
27 provisions of NRS 200.5094, when possible.

28 7. A division, office or department which receives a report
29 pursuant to this section shall cause the investigation of the report to
30 commence within 3 working days. A copy of the final report of the
31 investigation conducted by a division, office or department, other
32 than the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department
33 of Health and Human Services, must be forwarded within 30 days
34 after the completion of the report to the:

35 (a) Aging and Disability Services Division;

36 (b) Repository for Information Concerning Crimes Against
37 Older Persons or Vulnerable Persons created by NRS 179A.450;
38 and

39 (c) Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes.

40 8. If the investigation of a report results in the belief that an
41 older person or vulnerable person is abused, neglected, exploited,
42 isolated or abandoned, the Aging and Disability Services Division
43 of the Department of Health and Human Services or the county's
44 office for protective services may provide protective services to the



1 older person or vulnerable person if the older person or vulnerable
2 person is able and willing to accept them.

3 9. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the
4 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

5 10. As used in this section, "Unit for the Investigation and
6 Prosecution of Crimes" means the Unit for the Investigation and
7 Prosecution of Crimes Against Older Persons or Vulnerable Persons
8 in the Office of the Attorney General created pursuant to
9 NRS 228.265.

10 **Sec. 17.** NRS 432B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 432B.220 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4
12 and who, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows
13 or has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or
14 neglected shall:

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the
16 abuse or neglect of the child to an agency which provides child
17 welfare services or to a law enforcement agency; and

18 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not
19 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to
20 believe that the child has been abused or neglected.

21 2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to
22 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse
23 or neglect of the child involves an act or omission of:

24 (a) A person directly responsible or serving as a volunteer for or
25 an employee of a public or private home, institution or facility
26 where the child is receiving child care outside of the home for a
27 portion of the day, the person shall make the report to a law
28 enforcement agency.

29 (b) An agency which provides child welfare services or a law
30 enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency
31 other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission,
32 and the investigation of the abuse or neglect of the child must be
33 made by an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the
34 act or omission.

35 3. Any person who is described in paragraph (a) of subsection
36 4 who delivers or provides medical services to a newborn infant and
37 who, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows or
38 has reasonable cause to believe that the newborn infant has been
39 affected by a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder or prenatal substance
40 use disorder or has withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal
41 substance exposure shall, as soon as reasonably practicable but not
42 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to
43 believe that the newborn infant is so affected or has such symptoms,
44 notify an agency which provides child welfare services of the
45 condition of the infant and refer each person who is responsible for



1 the welfare of the infant to an agency which provides child welfare
2 services for appropriate counseling, training or other services. A
3 notification and referral to an agency which provides child welfare
4 services pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed to require
5 prosecution for any illegal action.

6 4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the
7 following persons:

8 (a) A person providing services licensed or certified in this State
9 pursuant to, without limitation, chapter 450B, 630, 630A, 631, 632,
10 633, 634, 634A, 634B, 635, 636, 637, 637B, 639, 640, 640A, 640B,
11 640C, 640D, 640E, 641, 641A, 641B, 641C, 641D or 653 of NRS or
12 practicing as an emergency medical technician, advanced
13 emergency medical technician or paramedic in this State under the
14 Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure
15 Interstate Compact ratified by NRS 450B.145.

16 (b) Any personnel of a medical facility licensed pursuant to
17 chapter 449 of NRS who are engaged in the admission, examination,
18 care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other
19 person in charge of such a medical facility upon notification of
20 suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a member of the staff of the
21 medical facility.

22 (c) A coroner.

23 (d) A member of the clergy, practitioner of Christian Science or
24 religious healer, unless the person has acquired the knowledge of the
25 abuse or neglect from the offender during a confession.

26 (e) A person employed by a public school or private school and
27 any person who serves as a volunteer at such a school.

28 (f) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or
29 establishment that provides care for children, children's camp or
30 other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care
31 to a child.

32 (g) Any person licensed pursuant to chapter 424 of NRS to
33 conduct a foster home.

34 (h) Any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an
35 adult or juvenile probation officer.

36 (i) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 432B.225, an attorney.

37 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a
38 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding
39 abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons and agencies
40 where their requests and needs can be met.

41 (k) Any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for
42 a youth shelter. As used in this paragraph, "youth shelter" has the
43 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 244.427.



1 (l) Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides
2 organized activities for children, including, without limitation, a
3 person who is employed by a school district or public school.

4 (m) Any person who is enrolled with the Division of Health
5 Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human
6 Services to provide doula services to recipients of Medicaid
7 pursuant to NRS 422.27177.

8 (n) A *certified prevention specialist, as defined in section 1 of*
9 *this act*, peer recovery support specialist, as defined in NRS
10 433.627, or peer recovery support specialist supervisor, as defined
11 in NRS 433.629.

12 5. A report may be made by any other person.

13 6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to
14 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child
15 has died as a result of abuse or neglect, the person shall, as soon as
16 reasonably practicable, report this belief to an agency which
17 provides child welfare services or a law enforcement agency. If such
18 a report is made to a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement
19 agency shall notify an agency which provides child welfare services
20 and the appropriate medical examiner or coroner of the report. If
21 such a report is made to an agency which provides child welfare
22 services, the agency which provides child welfare services shall
23 notify the appropriate medical examiner or coroner of the report.
24 The medical examiner or coroner who is notified of a report
25 pursuant to this subsection shall investigate the report and submit
26 his or her written findings to the appropriate agency which provides
27 child welfare services, the appropriate district attorney and a law
28 enforcement agency. The written findings must include, if
29 obtainable, the information required pursuant to the provisions of
30 subsection 2 of NRS 432B.230.

31 7. The agency, board, bureau, commission, department,
32 division or political subdivision of the State responsible for the
33 licensure, certification or endorsement of a person who is described
34 in subsection 4 and who is required in his or her professional or
35 occupational capacity to be licensed, certified or endorsed in this
36 State shall, at the time of initial licensure, certification or
37 endorsement:

38 (a) Inform the person, in writing or by electronic
39 communication, of his or her duty as a mandatory reporter pursuant
40 to this section;

41 (b) Obtain a written acknowledgment or electronic record from
42 the person that he or she has been informed of his or her duty
43 pursuant to this section; and



1 (c) Maintain a copy of the written acknowledgment or electronic
2 record for as long as the person is licensed, certified or endorsed in
3 this State.

4 8. The employer of a person who is described in subsection 4
5 and who is not required in his or her professional or occupational
6 capacity to be licensed, certified or endorsed in this State must, upon
7 initial employment of the person:

8 (a) Inform the person, in writing or by electronic
9 communication, of his or her duty as a mandatory reporter pursuant
10 to this section;

11 (b) Obtain a written acknowledgment or electronic record from
12 the person that he or she has been informed of his or her duty
13 pursuant to this section; and

14 (c) Maintain a copy of the written acknowledgment or electronic
15 record for as long as the person is employed by the employer.

16 9. Before a person may serve as a volunteer at a public school
17 or private school, the school must:

18 (a) Inform the person, in writing or by electronic
19 communication, of his or her duty as a mandatory reporter pursuant
20 to this section and NRS 392.303;

21 (b) Obtain a written acknowledgment or electronic record from
22 the person that he or she has been informed of his or her duty
23 pursuant to this section and NRS 392.303; and

24 (c) Maintain a copy of the written acknowledgment or electronic
25 record for as long as the person serves as a volunteer at the school.

26 10. The provisions of subsection 8 do not apply to the
27 employer of a person practicing as an emergency medical
28 technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic in
29 this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services
30 Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by NRS 450B.145.

31 11. As used in this section:

32 (a) "Private school" has the meaning ascribed to it in
33 NRS 394.103.

34 (b) "Public school" has the meaning ascribed to it in
35 NRS 385.007.

36 **Sec. 18.** NRS 458.033 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 458.033 1. The State Board of Health shall adopt regulations:

38 (a) Providing for the certification of substance use disorder
39 prevention coalitions; and

40 (b) Establishing requirements governing the membership of and
41 geographic region served by substance use disorder prevention
42 coalitions. The regulations adopted pursuant to this paragraph must
43 align with nationally recognized standards for substance use
44 disorder prevention coalitions and must provide that a geographic



1 region may be served by more than one substance use disorder
2 prevention coalition.

3 2. A certified substance use disorder prevention coalition shall:

4 (a) Advise the Department of Health and Human Services and
5 the Division concerning:

6 (1) The needs of adults and children in the geographic region
7 served by the coalition concerning the prevention of substance
8 misuse and substance use disorders in the geographic region;

9 (2) Any progress, problems or plans relating to the provision
10 of services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use
11 disorders and methods for improving the provision of such services
12 in the geographic region served by the coalition;

13 (3) Identified gaps in services for the prevention of substance
14 misuse and substance use disorders and recommendations for
15 addressing those gaps; and

16 (4) Priorities for allocating resources to support and develop
17 services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use
18 disorders in the geographic region served by the coalition.

19 (b) Convene interested persons and entities to promote the use
20 of evidence-based strategies to address needs concerning services
21 for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders
22 and improve such services in the geographic region served by the
23 coalition.

24 (c) Coordinate and share information with other certified
25 substance use disorder prevention coalitions to provide
26 recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services
27 and the Division concerning services for the prevention of substance
28 misuse and substance use disorders.

29 (d) Implement, in coordination with the Department of Health
30 and Human Services, the Division, other certified substance use
31 disorder prevention coalitions and other interested persons and
32 entities, statewide efforts for the prevention of substance misuse and
33 substance use disorders.

34 (e) Coordinate with persons and entities in this State who
35 provide services related to the prevention of substance misuse and
36 substance use disorders to increase the awareness of such services
37 and reduce duplication of efforts.

38 (f) In consultation with other persons and entities in this State
39 who provide services related to the prevention of substance use
40 disorders, submit an annual report to the regional behavioral health
41 policy board for the geographic region served by the substance use
42 disorder prevention coalition. The report must include, without
43 limitation:



1 (1) Identification of the specific needs of the geographic
2 region served by the coalition concerning the prevention of
3 substance misuse and substance use disorders;

4 (2) A description of methods that the coalition uses to collect
5 and analyze data concerning:

6 (I) Substance misuse and substance use disorders in the
7 geographic region served by the coalition; and

8 (II) Gaps in services related to the prevention of
9 substance misuse and substance use disorders and the need for
10 additional services in that region;

11 (3) The strategies used by the coalition and the results of
12 those strategies;

13 (4) The goals of the coalition for the immediately preceding
14 year and the degree to which the coalition achieved those goals; and

15 (5) The goals of the coalition for the immediately following
16 year and the long-term goals of the coalition.

17 *(g) Employ or enter into contracts with certified prevention
18 specialists as necessary to perform or facilitate the activities
19 described in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive.*

20 3. The Division shall collaborate with and utilize certified
21 substance use disorder prevention coalitions as the primary local and
22 regional entities to coordinate programs and strategies for the
23 prevention of substance use disorders in this State.

24 4. As used in this section:

25 (a) "Behavioral health region" has the meaning ascribed to it in
26 NRS 433.426.

27 (b) *"Certified prevention specialist" has the meaning ascribed
28 to it in section 1 of this act.*

29 (c) "Substance use disorder prevention coalition" means a
30 coalition of persons and entities who possess knowledge and
31 experience related to the prevention of substance misuse and
32 substance use disorders in a region of this State.

33 **Sec. 19.** NRS 632.472 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 632.472 1. The following persons shall report in writing to
35 the Executive Director of the Board any conduct of a licensee or
36 holder of a certificate which constitutes a violation of the provisions
37 of this chapter:

38 (a) Any physician, dentist, dental hygienist, expanded function
39 dental assistant, naprapath, chiropractic physician, optometrist,
40 podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional
41 or practical nurse, nursing assistant, medication aide - certified,
42 perfusionist, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or
43 633 of NRS, anesthesiologist assistant, psychiatrist, psychologist,
44 marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor,
45 alcohol or drug counselor, *certified prevention specialist*, peer



1 recovery support specialist, peer recovery support specialist
2 supervisor, music therapist, holder of a license or limited license
3 issued pursuant to chapter 653 of NRS, driver of an ambulance,
4 paramedic or other person providing medical services licensed or
5 certified to practice in this State.

6 (b) Any personnel of a medical facility or facility for the
7 dependent engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment
8 of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of
9 a medical facility or facility for the dependent upon notification by a
10 member of the staff of the facility.

11 (c) A coroner.

12 (d) Any person who maintains or is employed by an agency to
13 provide personal care services in the home.

14 (e) Any person who operates, who is employed by or who
15 contracts to provide services for an intermediary service
16 organization as defined in NRS 449.4304.

17 (f) Any person who maintains or is employed by an agency to
18 provide nursing in the home.

19 (g) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human
20 Services.

21 (h) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's
22 office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation
23 officer.

24 (i) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or
25 establishment that provides care for older persons.

26 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a
27 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding
28 the abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person and refers them
29 to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

30 (k) Any social worker.

31 (l) Any person who operates or is employed by a community
32 health worker pool or with whom a community health worker pool
33 contracts to provide the services of a community health worker, as
34 defined in NRS 449.0027.

35 2. Every physician who, as a member of the staff of a medical
36 facility or facility for the dependent, has reason to believe that a
37 nursing assistant or medication aide - certified has engaged in
38 conduct which constitutes grounds for the denial, suspension or
39 revocation of a certificate shall notify the superintendent, manager
40 or other person in charge of the facility. The superintendent,
41 manager or other person in charge shall make a report as required in
42 subsection 1.

43 3. A report may be filed by any other person.

44 4. Any person who in good faith reports any violation of the
45 provisions of this chapter to the Executive Director of the Board



1 pursuant to this section is immune from civil liability for reporting
2 the violation.

3 5. As used in this section:

4 (a) "Agency to provide personal care services in the home" has
5 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0021.

6 (b) "*Certified prevention specialist*" has the meaning ascribed
7 to it in section 1 of this act.

8 (c) "Community health worker pool" has the meaning ascribed
9 to it in NRS 449.0028.

10 (d) "Peer recovery support specialist" has the meaning ascribed
11 to it in NRS 433.627.

12 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Peer recovery support specialist supervisor" has the
13 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 433.629.

14 **Sec. 20.** NRS 641.029 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 641.029 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

16 1. A physician who is licensed to practice in this State;

17 2. A person who is licensed to practice dentistry in this State;

18 3. A person who is licensed as a marriage and family therapist
19 or marriage and family therapist intern pursuant to chapter 641A of
20 NRS;

21 4. A person who is licensed as a clinical professional counselor
22 or clinical professional counselor intern pursuant to chapter 641A of
23 NRS;

24 5. A person who is licensed to engage in social work pursuant
25 to chapter 641B of NRS;

26 6. A person who is licensed as an occupational therapist or
27 occupational therapy assistant pursuant to chapter 640A of NRS;

28 7. A person who is licensed as a clinical alcohol and drug
29 counselor, licensed or certified as an alcohol and drug counselor or
30 certified as an alcohol and drug counselor intern, a clinical alcohol
31 and drug counselor intern, a problem gambling counselor or a
32 problem gambling counselor intern, pursuant to chapter 641C of
33 NRS;

34 8. A person who *serves as a certified prevention specialist or*
35 provides or supervises the provision of peer recovery support
36 services in accordance with the provisions of NRS 433.622 to
37 433.641, inclusive ~~(f)~~, and section 1 of this act.

38 9. A person who is licensed as a behavior analyst or an
39 assistant behavior analyst or registered as a registered behavior
40 technician pursuant to chapter 641D of NRS, while engaged in the
41 practice of applied behavior analysis as defined in NRS 641D.080;
42 or

43 10. Any member of the clergy,

44 ↪ if such a person does not commit an act described in NRS
45 641.440 or represent himself or herself as a psychologist.



1 **Sec. 21.** NRS 641B.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 641B.040 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

3 1. A physician who is licensed to practice in this State;

4 2. A nurse who is licensed to practice in this State;

5 3. A person who is licensed as a psychologist pursuant to
6 chapter 641 of NRS or authorized to practice psychology in this
7 State pursuant to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
8 enacted in NRS 641.227;

9 4. A person who is licensed as a marriage and family therapist
10 or marriage and family therapist intern pursuant to chapter 641A of
11 NRS;

12 5. A person who is licensed as a clinical professional counselor
13 or clinical professional counselor intern pursuant to chapter 641A of
14 NRS;

15 6. A person who is licensed as an occupational therapist or
16 occupational therapy assistant pursuant to chapter 640A of NRS;

17 7. A person who is licensed as a clinical alcohol and drug
18 counselor, licensed or certified as an alcohol and drug counselor or
19 certified as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor intern, an alcohol
20 and drug counselor intern, a problem gambling counselor or a
21 problem gambling counselor intern, pursuant to chapter 641C of
22 NRS;

23 8. A person who *serves as a certified prevention specialist or*
24 provides or supervises the provision of peer recovery support
25 services in accordance with NRS 433.622 to 433.641, inclusive **§**,
26 *and section 1 of this act.*

27 9. Any member of the clergy;

28 10. A county welfare director;

29 11. Any person who may engage in social work or clinical
30 social work in his or her regular governmental employment but does
31 not hold himself or herself out to the public as a social worker; or

32 12. A student of social work and any other person preparing for
33 the profession of social work under the supervision of a qualified
34 social worker in a training institution or facility recognized by the
35 Board, unless the student or other person has been issued a
36 provisional license pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
37 641B.275. Such a student must be designated by the title "student of
38 social work" or "trainee in social work," or any other title which
39 clearly indicates the student's training status.

40 **Sec. 22.** NRS 641C.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 641C.130 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

42 1. A physician who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of
43 chapter 630 or 633 of NRS;

44 2. A nurse who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter
45 632 of NRS and is authorized by the State Board of Nursing to



1 engage in the practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other
2 substance use disorders or the practice of counseling persons with
3 an addictive disorder related to gambling;

4 3. A psychologist who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of
5 chapter 641 of NRS or authorized to practice psychology in this
6 State pursuant to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
7 enacted in NRS 641.227;

8 4. A clinical professional counselor or clinical professional
9 counselor intern who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;

10 5. A marriage and family therapist or marriage and family
11 therapist intern who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter
12 641A of NRS and is authorized by the Board of Examiners for
13 Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional
14 Counselors to engage in the practice of counseling persons with
15 alcohol and other substance use disorders or the practice of
16 counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling;

17 6. A person who is:

18 (a) Licensed as:

19 (1) A clinical social worker pursuant to the provisions of
20 chapter 641B of NRS; or

21 (2) A master social worker or an independent social worker
22 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641B of NRS and is engaging
23 in clinical social work as part of an internship program approved by
24 the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and

25 (b) Authorized by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to
26 engage in the practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other
27 substance use disorders or the practice of counseling persons with
28 an addictive disorder related to gambling; or

29 7. A person who *serves as a certified prevention specialist or*
30 *provides or supervises the provision of peer recovery support*
31 *services in accordance with NRS 433.622 to 433.641, inclusive **H**,*
32 ***and section 1 of this act.***

33 **Sec. 23.** Section 37 of chapter 444, Statutes of Nevada 2021,
34 at page 2836, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 Sec. 37. 1. This section becomes effective upon
36 passage and approval.

37 2. Sections 18.5, 19, 20 and 32 of this act become
38 effective on July 1, 2021.

39 3. Sections 1 to 3, inclusive, 5 to 8, inclusive, 15 to 17,
40 inclusive, 20.3 to 31, inclusive, and 33 to 36, inclusive, of this
41 act become effective:

42 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of
43 adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory
44 administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the
45 provisions of this act; and



1 (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

2 4. Sections 4, 9 to 14, inclusive, 18 and 31.5 of this act
3 become effective on the date on which the Nevada
4 Certification Board, or its successor organization, ceases
5 certifying *certified prevention specialists*, peer recovery
6 support specialists or peer recovery support specialist
7 supervisors.

8 5. Sections 10 and 11 of this act expire by limitation on
9 the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring
10 each state to establish procedures under which the state has
11 authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of
12 professional, occupational and recreational licenses of
13 persons who:

14 (a) Have failed to comply with the subpoena or warrant
15 relating to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child
16 or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a
17 child; or

18 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or
19 more children,

20 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

21 **Sec. 24.** 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the
22 contrary, any natural person who is less than 18 years of age, will be
23 at least 16 years of age on January 1, 2026, and provides peer
24 recovery support services as a regular part of his or her job duties on
25 or before July 1, 2025, may continue to do so under conditions other
26 than those specified by the Nevada Certification Board or its
27 successor organization as described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2
28 of NRS 433.631, as amended by section 7 of this act, until
29 December 31, 2025. Such a natural person who remains less than
30 18 years of age must comply with those conditions on or after
31 January 1, 2026.

32 2. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
33 natural person who holds a valid certification as a certified
34 prevention specialist issued by the Nevada Certification Board or its
35 successor organization on the date on which that organization ceases
36 certifying certified prevention specialists may hold himself or
37 herself out as a certified prevention specialist without being certified
38 by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department
39 of Health and Human Services until 6 months after the date on
40 which the Division begins certifying certified prevention specialists
41 pursuant to the regulations adopted by the State Board of Health
42 pursuant to NRS 433.632, as amended by section 9 of this act. To
43 hold himself or herself out as a certified prevention specialist after
44 that date, the natural person must obtain a certificate from the



1 Division as required by NRS 433.631, as amended by section 8 of
2 this act.

3 3. As used in this section, “certified prevention specialist” has
4 the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.

5 **Sec. 25.** NRS 433.623 is hereby repealed.

6 **Sec. 26.** 1. This section and sections 1, 2, 4 to 7, inclusive,
7 and 13 to 25, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2025.

8 2. Sections 3 and 8 to 12, inclusive, of this act become
9 effective on the date on which the Nevada Certification Board, or its
10 successor organization, ceases certifying certified prevention
11 specialists, peer recovery support specialists or peer recovery
12 support specialist supervisors.

13 3. Sections 10 and 11 of this act expire by limitation on the
14 date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state
15 to establish procedures under which the state has authority to
16 withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional,
17 occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

18 (a) Have failed to comply with the subpoena or warrant relating
19 to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish
20 or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

21 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more
22 children,

23 ↪ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

433.623 “Adult” defined. “Adult” means a natural person
who is 18 years of age or older.



