

SENATE BILL NO. 315—SENATOR DENIS

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to health districts.  
(BDR 40-1066)

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

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

AN ACT relating to public health; revising provisions governing the membership of district boards of health; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates a district board of health within each health district.  
2 Certain positions on the boards are filled by elected members of certain local  
3 governing bodies chosen by those local governing bodies. (NRS 439.362) This bill  
4 adds to the board a representative of a recycling business that is not in the business  
5 of disposing of municipal solid waste. This bill further limits certain members to  
6 serve not more than two terms.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 439.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 439.362 1. A health district with a health department  
3 consisting of a district health officer and a district board of health is  
4 hereby created.  
5 2. The district board of health consists of:  
6 (a) Representatives selected by the following entities from  
7 among their elected members:  
8 (1) Two representatives of the board of county  
9 commissioners;  
10 (2) Two representatives of the governing body of the largest  
11 incorporated city in the county; and



1 (3) One representative of the governing body of each other  
2 city in the county; and

3 (b) The following representatives, selected by the elected  
4 representatives of the district board of health selected pursuant to  
5 paragraph (a), who shall represent the health district at large and  
6 who must be selected based on their qualifications without regard to  
7 the location within the health district of their residence or , *except as*  
8 *otherwise provided*, their place of employment:

9 (1) Two representatives who are physicians licensed to  
10 practice medicine in this State, one of whom is selected on the basis  
11 of his or her education, training, experience or demonstrated  
12 abilities in the provision of health care services to members of  
13 minority groups and other medically underserved populations;

14 (2) One representative who is a nurse licensed to practice  
15 nursing in this State;

16 (3) One representative who has a background or expertise in  
17 environmental health or environmental health services;

18 (4) One representative of a ~~non gaming~~ business ~~for from an~~  
19 ~~industry~~ that is subject to regulation by the health district ~~[- and]~~  
20 *who is not an owner, employee or independent contractor of a*  
21 *gaming establishment;*

22 (5) One representative of the association of gaming  
23 establishments whose membership in the county collectively paid  
24 the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in  
25 the preceding year, who must be selected from a list of nominees  
26 submitted by the association. If no such association exists, the  
27 representative selected pursuant to this subparagraph must represent  
28 the gaming industry ~~H~~; and

29 *(6) One representative who is an employee of an entity that*  
30 *specializes in recycling but is not in the business of disposing of*  
31 *municipal solid waste.*

32 3. Members of the district board of health serve terms of 2  
33 years. *A member selected pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection*  
34 *2 may serve for not more than two terms.* Vacancies must be filled  
35 in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the  
36 unexpired term. Members serve without additional compensation for  
37 their services, but are entitled to reimbursement for necessary  
38 expenses for attending meetings or otherwise engaging in the  
39 business of the board.

40 4. The district board of health shall meet in July of each year to  
41 organize and elect one of its members as chair of the board.

42 5. The county treasurer is the treasurer of the district board of  
43 health. The treasurer shall:

44 (a) Keep permanent accounts of all money received by,  
45 disbursed for and on behalf of the district board of health; and



1 (b) Administer the health district fund created by the board of  
2 county commissioners pursuant to NRS 439.363.

3 6. The district board of health shall maintain records of all of  
4 its proceedings and minutes of all meetings, which must be open to  
5 inspection.

6 7. No county, city or town board of health may be created in  
7 the county. Any county, city or town board of health in existence  
8 when the district board of health is created must be abolished.

9 **Sec. 2.** The one representative added to a district board of  
10 health pursuant to subparagraph (6) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2  
11 of NRS 439.362, as amended by section 1 of this act, shall be  
12 appointed as soon as practicable after July 1, 2013.

13 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act,  
14 a member of a district board of health created pursuant to NRS  
15 439.362, as amended by section 1 of this act, who is serving on  
16 July 1, 2013, may continue to serve until the expiration of his or her  
17 term. If the position of a member becomes vacant on or after July 1,  
18 2013, the vacancy must be filled in the manner provided by NRS  
19 439.362, as amended by section 1 of this act.

20 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.



