SENATE BILL NO. 34–COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to the support of children. (BDR 11-256)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets {omitted material} is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the support of children; creating the Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines; requiring the Committee to review quadrennially the support guidelines established in this State and submit any recommendations for revision to the Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services; requiring the Administrator to adopt regulations establishing support guidelines; repealing provisions relating to the calculation of support upon the adoption of such regulations; removing provisions exempting certain recreational licenses, certificates or permits of certain persons from suspension for nonpayment; authorizing the suspension of the registration of each motor vehicle registered to or owned by certain persons for nonpayment; imposing a fee for reinstatement of a suspended registration; imposing certain requirements on providers of insurance relating to certain claimants owing past-due support; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.





Legislative Counsel's Digest:

 Existing federal law and regulations require each state to establish child support guidelines and review such guidelines at least once every 4 years to ensure that the application of such guidelines results in appropriate awards of child support. (42 U.S.C. § 667(a), 45 C.F.R. § 302.56(e)) Existing federal regulations also establish minimum standards for such guidelines. (45 C.F.R. § 302.56(c)) Existing Nevada law establishes the general formula used to calculate child support and sets forth several other related provisions. (NRS 125B.070, 125B.080, 125B.085, 125B.095)

8 Section 7 of this bill creates the Committee to Review Child Support ğ Guidelines, and section 8 of this bill requires the Committee to review the existing 10 child support guidelines established in this State and provide any recommendations 11 for revisions to the Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive 12 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services not later than July 1, 13 2018. Section 8 requires the Administrator to review and consider any 14 recommendations of the Committee and, after reviewing and considering such 15 recommendations, to adopt regulations establishing the child support guidelines in 16 this State. Section 8 also requires the Committee to review the guidelines at least 17 once every 4 years. Section 20 of this bill repeals the provisions of existing law 18 establishing the general formula for calculating child support and certain related 19 provisions, and section 21 of this bill provides that the repeal of such provisions becomes effective on the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Administrator establishing child support guidelines pursuant to section 8. Sections **1-3**, **9-11 and 14** of this bill make conforming changes that are also effective upon the effective date of the adopted regulations.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Existing law requires a district court to provide to the Secretary of State and all agencies that issue professional, occupational or recreational licenses, certificates or permits a copy of an order determining that a person: (1) has failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or (2) is in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children. The order must provide that if the person does not submit certain proof of compliance with the subpoena or 31 32 33 34 35 warrant or satisfaction of the arrearage to the Secretary of State or any agency that has issued such a license, certificate or permit to that person, as applicable, the state business registration and any professional, occupational or recreational licenses issued to the person will be automatically suspended. Existing law also provides that such an order does not apply to a license, certificate or permit issued by the 36 37 38 Department of Wildlife or the State Land Registrar that expires less than 6 months after it is issued. (NRS 425.540) Section 13 of this bill removes the exception for such licenses, certificates or permits issued by the Department of Wildlife or the 39 State Land Registrar. Sections 4, 17 and 18 of this bill make conforming changes.

40 Existing law provides, in certain circumstances, for the suspension of the 41 driver's license and motorcycle driver's license of a person who: (1) has failed to 42 comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to determine the 43 paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a 44 child; or (2) is in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children. 45 (NRS 425.510, 483.443, 486.165) Sections 12 and 15 of this bill additionally 46 authorize the suspension of the registration of each motor vehicle that is registered 47 to or owned by such a person. Section 15 requires a person whose registration is 48 suspended to return the certificate of registration and the license plates to the 49 Department of Motor Vehicles. Section 15 also requires the Department to reinstate 50 the registration of a motor vehicle that was suspended and reissue the license plates 51 of the motor vehicle upon receiving: (1) certain proof that the person has complied 52 53 with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage; and (2) payment of a fee for the reinstatement of the registration. Section 16 of this bill provides that 54 such a fee is \$33.





55 56 Section 19 of this bill adds a new section to the Nevada Insurance Code (title 57 of NRS) that requires every provider of insurance, as a condition of being able to conduct business in this State, to exchange information with a program 57 58 59 established by the Division not less than 30 days before making any payment of \$500 or more pursuant to a policy for the purpose of verifying whether the claimant 60 owes debt for support to the Division or to a person receiving services from the 61 Program established to locate absent parents, establish paternity and obtain child 62 support. If a provider of insurance is notified that the claimant owes any such debt 63 for support, the provider is required, upon receipt of a notice identifying the amount 64 of debt owed, to: (1) withhold from payment on the claim the amount specified in 65 the notice; and (2) remit the amount withheld from payment to the Division, its 66 designated representative or the prosecuting attorney within 30 days. If a provider 67 of insurance withholds and remits any such funds, the provider is required to notify 68 the claimant of that fact. Existing law provides that every violation of any provision 69 of the Nevada Insurance Code is a misdemeanor. (NRS 679A.180)

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

Section 1. NRS 125.150 is hereby amended to read as follows: 125.150 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 125.155 and 125.165, and unless the action is contrary to a premarital agreement between the parties which is enforceable pursuant to chapter 123A of NRS:

6 1. In granting a divorce, the court:

7 (a) May award such alimony to the wife or to the husband, in a 8 specified principal sum or as specified periodic payments, as 9 appears just and equitable; and

(b) Shall, to the extent practicable, make an equal disposition of the community property of the parties, except that the court may make an unequal disposition of the community property in such proportions as it deems just if the court finds a compelling reason to do so and sets forth in writing the reasons for making the unequal disposition.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in granting 16 a divorce, the court shall dispose of any property held in joint 17 tenancy in the manner set forth in subsection 1 for the disposition of 18 19 community property. If a party has made a contribution of separate property to the acquisition or improvement of property held in joint 20 tenancy, the court may provide for the reimbursement of that party 21 22 for his or her contribution. The amount of reimbursement must not 23 exceed the amount of the contribution of separate property that can 24 be traced to the acquisition or improvement of property held in joint 25 tenancy, without interest or any adjustment because of an increase in 26 the value of the property held in joint tenancy. The amount of 27 reimbursement must not exceed the value, at the time of the 28 disposition, of the property held in joint tenancy for which the





contribution of separate property was made. In determining whether
 to provide for the reimbursement, in whole or in part, of a party who
 has contributed separate property, the court shall consider:

4 (a) The intention of the parties in placing the property in joint 5 tenancy;

(b) The length of the marriage; and

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7 (c) Any other factor which the court deems relevant in making a 8 just and equitable disposition of that property.

9 \rightarrow As used in this subsection, "contribution" includes, without 10 limitation, a down payment, a payment for the acquisition or 11 improvement of property, and a payment reducing the principal of a 12 loan used to finance the purchase or improvement of property. The 13 term does not include a payment of interest on a loan used to finance 14 the purchase or improvement of property, or a payment made for 15 maintenance, insurance or taxes on property.

16 3. A party may file a postjudgment motion in any action for 17 divorce, annulment or separate maintenance to obtain adjudication 18 of any community property or liability omitted from the decree or 19 judgment as the result of fraud or mistake. A motion pursuant to this subsection must be filed within 3 years after the discovery by the 20 21 aggrieved party of the facts constituting the fraud or mistake. The 22 court has continuing jurisdiction to hear such a motion and shall 23 equally divide the omitted community property or liability between 24 the parties unless the court finds that:

(a) The community property or liability was included in a prior
equal disposition of the community property of the parties or in an
unequal disposition of the community property of the parties which
was made pursuant to written findings of a compelling reason for
making that unequal disposition; or

(b) The court determines a compelling reason in the interests of
justice to make an unequal disposition of the community property or
liability and sets forth in writing the reasons for making the unequal
disposition.

34 \rightarrow If a motion pursuant to this subsection results in a judgment 35 dividing a defined benefit pension plan, the judgment may not be 36 enforced against an installment payment made by the plan more 37 than 6 years after the installment payment.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 125.141, whether or not application for suit money has been made under the provisions of NRS 125.040, the court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to either party to an action for divorce.

5. In granting a divorce, the court may also set apart such portion of the husband's separate property for the wife's support, the wife's separate property for the husband's support or the separate





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property of either spouse for the support of their children as is
 deemed just and equitable.

6. In the event of the death of either party or the subsequent
remarriage of the spouse to whom specified periodic payments were
to be made, all the payments required by the decree must cease,
unless it was otherwise ordered by the court.

7 If the court adjudicates the property rights of the parties, or 7. 8 an agreement by the parties settling their property rights has been 9 approved by the court, whether or not the court has retained jurisdiction to modify them, the adjudication of property rights, and 10 the agreements settling property rights, may nevertheless at any time 11 12 thereafter be modified by the court upon written stipulation signed 13 and acknowledged by the parties to the action, and in accordance 14 with the terms thereof.

15 8. If a decree of divorce, or an agreement between the parties 16 which was ratified, adopted or approved in a decree of divorce, 17 provides for specified periodic payments of alimony, the decree or 18 agreement is not subject to modification by the court as to accrued 19 payments. Payments pursuant to a decree entered on or after July 1, 20 1975, which have not accrued at the time a motion for modification is filed may be modified upon a showing of changed circumstances, 21 22 whether or not the court has expressly retained jurisdiction for the modification. In addition to any other factors the court considers 23 24 relevant in determining whether to modify the order, the court shall 25 consider whether the income of the spouse who is ordered to pay 26 alimony, as indicated on the spouse's federal income tax return for 27 the preceding calendar year, has been reduced to such a level that 28 the spouse is financially unable to pay the amount of alimony the 29 spouse has been ordered to pay.

9. In addition to any other factors the court considers relevant
in determining whether to award alimony and the amount of such an
award, the court shall consider:

(a) The financial condition of each spouse;

34 (b) The nature and value of the respective property of each35 spouse;

(c) The contribution of each spouse to any property held by the
spouses pursuant to NRS 123.030;

38 (d) The duration of the marriage;

39 (e) The income, earning capacity, age and health of each spouse;

(f) The standard of living during the marriage;

41 (g) The career before the marriage of the spouse who would 42 receive the alimony;

43 (h) The existence of specialized education or training or the 44 level of marketable skills attained by each spouse during the 45 marriage;



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(i) The contribution of either spouse as homemaker;

2 (j) The award of property granted by the court in the divorce, 3 other than child support and alimony, to the spouse who would 4 receive the alimony; and

5 (k) The physical and mental condition of each party as it relates 6 to the financial condition, health and ability to work of that spouse.

10. In granting a divorce, the court shall consider the need to grant alimony to a spouse for the purpose of obtaining training or education relating to a job, career or profession. In addition to any other factors the court considers relevant in determining whether such alimony should be granted, the court shall consider:

12 (a) Whether the spouse who would pay such alimony has 13 obtained greater job skills or education during the marriage; and

(b) Whether the spouse who would receive such alimonyprovided financial support while the other spouse obtained job skillsor education.

17 11. If the court determines that alimony should be awarded 18 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 10:

19 (a) The court, in its order, shall provide for the time within 20 which the spouse who is the recipient of the alimony must 21 commence the training or education relating to a job, career or 22 profession.

(b) The spouse who is ordered to pay the alimony may, uponchanged circumstances, file a motion to modify the order.

(c) The spouse who is the recipient of the alimony may be
 granted, in addition to any other alimony granted by the court,
 money to provide for:

(1) Testing of the recipient's skills relating to a job, career or
 profession;

30 (2) Evaluation of the recipient's abilities and goals relating to 31 a job, career or profession;

32 (3) Guidance for the recipient in establishing a specific plan
 33 for training or education relating to a job, career or profession;

34 (4) Subsidization of an employer's costs incurred in training35 the recipient;

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(5) Assisting the recipient to search for a job; or(6) Payment of the costs of tuition, books and fees for:

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(I) The equivalent of a high school diploma;

39 (II) College courses which are directly applicable to the 40 recipient's goals for his or her career; or

41 (III) Courses of training in skills desirable for 42 employment.

43 12. For the purposes of this section, a change of 20 percent or
44 more in the gross monthly income of a spouse who is ordered to pay
45 alimony shall be deemed to constitute changed circumstances





requiring a review for modification of the payments of alimony. As 1 used in this subsection, "gross monthly income" [has the meaning 2 3 ascribed to it in NRS 125B.070.] means the total amount of income 4 received each month from any source of a person who is not self-5 employed or the gross income from any source of a self-employed person, after deduction of all legitimate business expenses, but 6 7 without deduction for personal income taxes, contributions for 8 retirement benefits, contributions to a pension or for any other 9 personal expenses. 10 **Sec. 2.** NRS 125B.080 is hereby amended to read as follows: 11 125B.080 [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 425.450: 12 1.] A court of this State shall apply the *appropriate formula set* 13 forth in NRS 125B.070 guidelines established by the 14 Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services 15 of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 16 section 8 of this act to: 17 [(a)] 1. Determine the required support in any case involving 18 the support of children **[**-19 (b) Any request filed after July 1, 1987, to changel; or 20 *Change* the amount of the required support of children. *2*. [2. If the parties agree as to the amount of support required, the 21 22 parties shall certify that the amount of support is consistent with the 23 appropriate formula set forth in NRS 125B.070. If the amount of support deviates from the formula, the parties must stipulate 24 25 sufficient facts in accordance with subsection 9 which justify the 26 deviation to the court, and the court shall make a written finding thereon. Any inaccuracy or falsification of financial information 27 28 which results in an inappropriate award of support is grounds for a 29 motion to modify or adjust the award. 30 <u>3. If the parties disagree as to the amount of the gross monthly</u> 31 income of either party, the court shall determine the amount and may direct either party to furnish financial information or other 32 33 records, including income tax returns for the preceding 3 years. 34 Once a court has established an obligation for support by reference to a formula set forth in NRS 125B.070, any subsequent 35 modification or adjustment of that support, except for any 36 modification or adjustment made pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 37 38 125B.070 or NRS 425.450 or as a result of a review conducted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 125B.145, must be based upon 39 40 changed circumstances. 4. Notwithstanding the formulas set forth in NRS 125B.070, 41 the minimum amount of support that may be awarded by a court in 42 any case is \$100 per month per child, unless the court makes a 43 44 written finding that the obligor is unable to pay the minimum 45 amount. Willful underemployment or unemployment is not a





sufficient cause to deviate from the awarding of at least the 1 2 minimum amount. <u>5. It is presumed that the basic needs of a child are met by the</u> 3 formulas set forth in NRS 125B.070. This presumption may be 4 5 rebutted by evidence proving that the needs of a particular child are not met by the applicable formula. 6 <u>6. If the amount of the awarded support for a child is greater or</u> 7 less than the amount which would be established under the 8 9 applicable formula, the court shall: (a) Set forth findings of fact as to the basis for the deviation 10 11 from the formula; and 12 (b) Provide in the findings of fact the amount of support that 13 would have been established under the applicable formula. 7. Expenses for health care which are not reimbursed, 14 15 including expenses for medical, surgical, dental, orthodontic and 16 optical expenses, must be borne equally by both parents in the 17 absence of extraordinary circumstances. 18 -8. If a parent who has an obligation for support is willfully 19 underemployed or unemployed to avoid an obligation for support of 20 a child, that obligation must be based upon the parent's true 21 potential earning capacity. 9. The court shall consider the following factors when 22 23 adjusting the amount of support of a child upon specific findings of 24 fact: 25 (a) The cost of health insurance; 26 (b) The cost of child care; (c) Any special educational needs of the child; 27 28 (d) The age of the child; 29 (e) The legal responsibility of the parents for the support of 30 others; 31 (f) The value of services contributed by either parent; 32 (g) Any public assistance paid to support the child; 33 (h) Any expenses reasonably related to the mother's pregnancy 34 and confinement; 35 (i) The cost of transportation of the child to and from visitation if the custodial parent moved with the child from the jurisdiction of 36 the court which ordered the support and the noncustodial parent 37 38 remained; (i) The amount of time the child spends with each parent; 39 40 (k) Any other necessary expenses for the benefit of the child; 41 and (1) The relative income of both parents.] 42 **Sec. 3.** NRS 125B.145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 43 44 125B.145 1. An order for the support of a child must, upon 45 the filing of a request for review by:



(a) The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the 1 Department of Health and Human Services, its designated 2 3 representative or the district attorney, if the Division of Welfare and 4 Supportive Services or the district attorney has jurisdiction in the 5 case; or

(b) A parent or legal guardian of the child, 6

 \rightarrow be reviewed by the court at least every 3 years pursuant to this 7 section to determine whether the order should be modified or 8 9 adjusted. Each review conducted pursuant to this section must be in 10 response to a separate request.

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12 (a) Does not have jurisdiction to modify the order, the court may 13 forward the request to any court with appropriate jurisdiction.

14 (b) Has jurisdiction to modify the order and, taking into account 15 the best interests of the child, determines that modification or 16 adjustment of the order is appropriate, the court shall enter an order 17 modifying or adjusting the previous order for support in accordance with the *requirements of NRS 125B.070 and 125B.080.*] guidelines 18 19 established by the Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human 20 21 Services pursuant to section 8 of this act.

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The court shall ensure that: 3.

23 (a) Each person who is subject to an order for the support of a 24 child is notified, not less than once every 3 years, that the person 25 may request a review of the order pursuant to this section; or

26 (b) An order for the support of a child includes notification that 27 each person who is subject to the order may request a review of the 28 order pursuant to this section.

An order for the support of a child may be reviewed at any 29 4. time on the basis of changed circumstances. For the purposes of this 30 subsection, a change of 20 percent or more in the gross monthly 31 32 income of a person who is subject to an order for the support of a 33 child shall be deemed to constitute changed circumstances requiring 34 a review for modification of the order for the support of a child. 35

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Gross monthly income" has the meaning ascribed to it in 36 37 NRS [125B.070.] 125.150.

38 (b) "Order for the support of a child" means such an order that 39 was issued or is being enforced by a court of this State.

Sec. 4. NRS 322.1005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 322.1005 1. If the State Land Registrar receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the 42 suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational 43 44 licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who is the 45 holder of a permit, license or other authorization to use state land or





1 state facilities for a recreational purpose, the State Land Registrar shall [, if the permit does not expire less than 6 months after it is 2 issued, deem the permit, license or other authorization issued to 3 that person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date 4 5 on which the court order was issued unless the State Land Registrar 6 receives a letter issued to the holder of the permit, license or other 7 authorization by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant 8 to NRS 425.550 stating that the holder of the permit, license or other 9 authorization has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has 10 satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

The State Land Registrar shall reinstate a permit, license or 11 2. 12 other authorization to use state land or state facilities for a 13 recreational purpose that has been suspended by a district court 14 pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the State Land Registrar receives a letter 15 issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to 16 NRS 425.550 to the person whose permit, license or other authorization was suspended stating that the person whose permit, 17 18 license or other authorization was suspended has complied with the 19 subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to 20 NRS 425.560.

21 Sec. 5. Chapter 425 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 22 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act.

23 Sec. 6. As used in sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act, 24 "Committee" means the Committee to Review Child Support 25 Guidelines.

26 Sec. 7. 1. The Committee to Review Child Support 27 Guidelines is hereby created. The Committee consists of:

(a) The presiding judge of the Family Division of the Second
 Judicial District Court or his or her designee;

30 (b) The presiding judge of the Family Division of the Eighth 31 Judicial District Court or his or her designee;

(c) One member who is a district court judge or master from a
 judicial district other than the Second or Eighth Judicial District,
 appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

(d) One member who is a justice or retired justice of the
Supreme Court, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court;

(e) One member who is a district attorney in Clark County,
 appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys
 Association;

(f) One member who is a district attorney in Washoe County,
appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys
Association;





1 (g) One member who is a district attorney in a county other 2 than Clark or Washoe County, appointed by the governing body of 3 the Nevada District Attorneys Association;

4 (h) Two members who are members of the Family Law Section 5 of the State Bar of Nevada, appointed by the Executive Council of 6 the Family Law Section;

7 *(i) One member who is an employee of the Division, appointed* 8 *by the Administrator;*

9 (j) One member who has expertise in economics and child 10 support, appointed by the Administrator;

11 (k) Two members who are Senators, one of whom is appointed 12 by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is 13 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

14 (1) Two members who are members of the Assembly, one of 15 whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of 16 whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

17 \rightarrow If any association listed in this subsection ceases to exist, the 18 appointment required by this subsection must be made by the 19 association's successor in interest or, if there is no successor in 20 interest, by the Governor.

21 2. Each appointed member serves a term of 4 years. Members 22 may be reappointed for additional terms of 4 years in the same 23 manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in 24 the membership of the Committee must be filled in the same 25 manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after 26 the vacancy occurs.

3. The Legislators who are members of the Committee are entitled to receive the salary provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Committee.

4. At the first regular meeting every 4 years, the members of
the Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote who shall serve
until the next Chair is elected.

5. *The Committee shall meet at least once every 4 years and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.*

A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Committee.

41 Sec. 8. 1. Not later than July 1, 2018, the Committee shall 42 review the existing guidelines established in this State for the 43 support of one or more children and provide any 44 recommendations for revisions to the Administrator.





1 2. The Administrator shall review and consider any recommendations of the Committee to revise the guidelines. After 2 3 and considering such recommendations, reviewing the 4 Administrator shall adopt regulations establishing the guidelines 5 in this State for the support of one or more children in accordance with the requirements set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 667 and 45 C.F.R. 6 7 *§ 302.56*.

8 3. In accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 667(a) 9 and 45 C.F.R. § 302.56(e), the Committee shall review the 10 guidelines established by regulation pursuant to subsection 2 at 11 least once every 4 years to ensure the maintenance of effective, 12 efficient and appropriate guidelines that best serve the interests of 13 the children of this State and that comply with any requirements 14 set forth in federal law.

15 4. After each review of the guidelines by the Committee 16 pursuant to subsection 3, the Committee shall provide any 17 recommendations for revisions to the Administrator. The and 18 Administrator shall review consider any such 19 recommendations and may revise or adopt any regulations that the 20 Administrator deems appropriate.

5. The Administrator shall ensure that any recommendations
 for revisions to the guidelines received from the Committee
 pursuant to this section are made available to the public.

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Sec. 9. NRS 425.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

425.360 1. Any payment of public assistance pursuant to this
chapter creates a debt for support to the Division by the responsible
parent, whether or not the parent received prior notice that the child
of the parent was receiving public assistance.

29 The Division is entitled to the amount to which a dependent 2. 30 child or a person having the care, custody and control of a 31 dependent child would have been entitled for support, to the extent of the assignment of those rights to support pursuant to NRS 32 425.350, and may prosecute or maintain any action for support or 33 execute any administrative remedy existing under the laws of this 34 State to obtain reimbursement of money expended for public 35 assistance from any liable third party, including an insurer, group 36 health plan as defined in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement 37 Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C.A. § 1167(1), service 38 39 benefit plan, self-insured plan or health maintenance organization. If a court enters judgment for an amount of support to be paid by a 40 41 responsible parent, the Division is entitled to the amount of the debt 42 created by that judgment to the extent of the assignment of rights to 43 support pursuant to NRS 425.350, and the judgment awarded shall 44 be deemed to be in favor of the Division to that extent. This 45 entitlement applies to, but is not limited to, a temporary order for





1 spousal support, a family maintenance order or an alimony order, 2 whether or not allocated to the benefit of the child on the basis of 3 providing necessaries for the caretaker of the child, up to the amount 4 paid by the Division in public assistance to or for the benefit of a 5 dependent child. The Division may petition the appropriate court for 6 modification of its order on the same grounds as a party to the 7 action.

8 3. If there is no court order for support, or if the order provides 9 that no support is due but the facts on which the order was based 10 have changed, the amount due is the amount computed pursuant to 11 [NRS 125B.070 and 125B.080,] the guidelines established by the 12 Administrator pursuant to section 8 of this act, using the Nevada 13 average wage, determined by the Employment Security Division of 14 the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, if the 15 gross income of the responsible parent cannot be otherwise 16 ascertained.

17 4. Debts for support may not be incurred by a parent or any 18 other person who is the recipient of public assistance for the benefit 19 of a dependent child for the period when the parent or other person 20 is a recipient.

5. If a state agency is assigned any rights of a dependent child or a person having the care, custody and control of a dependent child who is eligible for medical assistance under Medicaid, the person having the care, custody and control of the dependent child shall, upon request of the state agency, provide to the state agency information regarding the dependent child or a person having the care, custody and control of a dependent child to determine:

(a) Any period during which the dependent child or a person
 having the care, custody and control of a dependent child may be or
 may have been covered by an insurer; and

(b) The nature of any coverage that is or was provided by the insurer, including, without limitation, the name and address of the insured dependent child or a person having the care, custody and control of a dependent child and the identifying number of the policy, evidence of coverage or contract.

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Sec. 10. NRS 425.3824 is hereby amended to read as follows:

425.3824 1. The notice and finding of financial responsibility
issued pursuant to NRS 425.3822 must include:

(a) The name of the person who has physical custody of thedependent child and the name of the child for whom support is to bepaid.

42 (b) A statement of the monthly support for which the parent is 43 responsible.

44 (c) A statement of the amount of arrearages sought, if any.





1 (d) A statement that the parent may be required to provide 2 coverage for the health care of the dependent child when coverage is 3 available to the parent at a reasonable cost.

4 (e) A statement of any requirements the Division will request 5 pursuant to subparagraph (14) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of 6 NRS 425.382, regarding a plan for the payment of support by the 7 parent or the participation of the parent in work activities.

8 (f) A statement that if the parent desires to discuss the amount of 9 support or coverage for health care that the parent should be 10 required to pay or provide, the parent may contact the office that 11 sent the notice within 20 days after the date of receipt of service and 12 request a conference for negotiation.

13 (g) A statement that if the parent objects to any part of the notice 14 and finding of financial responsibility, the parent must send to the 15 office that issued the notice a written response within 20 days after 16 the date of receipt of service that sets forth any objections and 17 requests a hearing.

18 (h) A statement that if a response is received within the specified 19 period, the parent is entitled to a hearing and that if a written 20 response is not received within the specified period, the master may 21 enter a recommendation for support of a dependent child in 22 accordance with the notice and finding of financial responsibility.

(i) A statement that as soon as the recommendation is entered
and approved by the court, the property of the parent is subject to an
attachment or other procedure for collection, including, but not
limited to, withholding of wages, garnishment, liens and execution
on liens.

(j) A reference to NRS 425.382 to 425.3852, inclusive.

(k) A statement that the parent is responsible for notifying the
 office of any change of address or employment.

(1) A statement that if the parent has any questions, the parent
 may contact the office or consult an attorney.

(m) Such other information as the Chief finds appropriate.

2. The statement of the monthly support required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be computed in accordance with
[NRS 125B.070.] the guidelines established by the Administrator pursuant to section 8 of this act.

38 3. After a conference for negotiation is held pursuant to 39 paragraph (f) of subsection 1, if an agreement is not reached on the 40 monthly support to be paid or the coverage to be provided, a hearing 41 must be held pursuant to NRS 425.3832 and notice of the hearing 42 must be sent to the parent by regular mail at the last known address 43 of the parent or to the last known address of the attorney for the 44 parent.



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Sec. 11. NRS 425.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 425.450 1. The Division shall adopt regulations establishing 3 a formula for:

4 (a) The adjustment of court orders for the support of children 5 based upon changes in the cost of living; and

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(b) The times at which such an adjustment is appropriate.

7 2. If a request for the review of a court order for the support of 8 a child has not been filed pursuant to NRS 125B.145 for such a time 9 as the Division establishes pursuant to subsection 1, the Chief may, 10 as provided in this section, order the responsible parent to pay 11 monthly the amount the responsible parent is required to pay 12 pursuant to the court order plus an additional amount to compensate 13 for changes in the cost of living.

14 3. Upon request by the responsible parent, the person to whom 15 support is owed or the enforcing authority, the Chief shall:

(a) Determine, in accordance with the formula established
pursuant to subsection 1, the amount of the additional payments; and
(b) Notify the responsible parent, by first-class mail to the last
known address of the responsible parent, of the amount of the

additional payments and that the additional payments must be made within 30 days after the mailing of the notice to the parent unless a request for a review of the court order is filed pursuant to NRS 125B.145 within that time.

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4. If a request for a review of the court order:

(a) Is filed pursuant to NRS 125B.145 within those 30 days, the
 court shall proceed pursuant to that section and the Chief shall not
 enter an order pursuant to this section.

(b) Is not filed pursuant to NRS 125B.145 within those 30 days,
the Chief shall order the responsible parent to pay the additional amount.

5. An order entered by the Chief pursuant to this section expires upon modification or adjustment, pursuant to NRS 125B.145, of the court order upon which the order entered by the Chief is based.

35 6. [The provisions of NRS 125B.080 do not apply to the entry
36 of an order by the Chief pursuant to this section.

As used in this section, "court order" means an order that a court of this state has jurisdiction to modify pursuant to chapter 130 of NRS.

40 Sec. 12. NRS 425.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 425.510 1. Each district attorney or other public agency
42 collecting support for children shall send a notice by first-class mail
43 to each person who:





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

4 (b) Is in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more 5 children.

6 → The notice must include the information set forth in subsection 2
7 and a copy of the subpoena or warrant or a statement of the amount
8 of the arrearage.

9 2. If the person does not, within 30 days after the person 10 receives the notice required by subsection 1:

11 12 (a) Comply with the subpoena or warrant;(b) Satisfy the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560; or

(c) Submit to the district attorney or other public agency a
 written request for a hearing,

the district attorney or other public agency shall report the name
 of that person to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

17 3. Before a hearing requested pursuant to subsection 2 may be 18 held, the person requesting the hearing and a representative of the 19 enforcing authority must meet and make a good faith effort to 20 resolve the matter.

21 4. If a person requests a hearing within the period prescribed in 22 subsection 2 and meets with the enforcing authority as required pursuant to subsection 3, a hearing must be held pursuant to NRS 23 24 425.3832. The master shall notify the person of the recommendation 25 of the master at the conclusion of the hearing or as soon thereafter as is practicable. If the master determines that the person has failed to 26 27 comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to 28 determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an 29 obligation for the support of a child, the master shall include in the notice the information set forth in subsection 5. If the master 30 31 determines that the person is in arrears in the payment for the 32 support of one or more children, the master shall include in the 33 notice the information set forth in subsection 6.

5. If the master determines that a person who requested a hearing pursuant to subsection 2 has not complied with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child and the district court issues an order approving the recommendation of the master, the district attorney or other public agency shall report the name of that person to the Department.

41 6. If the master determines that a person who requested a 42 hearing pursuant to subsection 2 is in arrears in the payment for the 43 support of one or more children, the master shall notify the person 44 that if the person does not immediately agree to enter into a plan for 45 the repayment of the arrearages that is approved by the district





attorney or other public agency, the driver's license and motorcycle 1 2 driver's license of the person and the registration of each motor vehicle that is registered to or owned by the person may be subject 3 to suspension. If the person does not agree to enter into such a plan 4 5 and the district court issues an order approving the recommendation 6 of the master, the district attorney or other public agency shall report 7 the name of that person to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The district attorney or other public agency shall, within 5 8 7. 9 days after the person who has failed to comply with a subpoena or 10 warrant or is in arrears in the payment for the support of one or 11 more children complies with the subpoena or warrant or satisfies the 12 arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560, notify the Department of Motor 13 Vehicles that the person has complied with the subpoena or warrant 14 or has satisfied the arrearage.

15 8. For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to 16 have received a notice 3 days after it is mailed, by first-class mail, 17 postage prepaid, to that person at the last known address of the 18 person. 19

Sec. 13. NRS 425.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 425 540 1. If a master enters a recommendation determining 21 that a person:

22 (a) Has failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a 23 proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or 24 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

25 (b) Is in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more 26 children.

27 and the district court issues an order approving the ↪ 28 recommendation of the master pursuant to NRS 425.3844, the 29 **[court]** enforcing authority shall provide a copy of the order to 30 the Secretary of State and **fall agencies** any agency that **fissue** has 31 *issued* a professional, occupational or recreational *licenses*, 32 certificates or permits.] license, certificate or permit to the person 33 named in the order.

2. A court order issued pursuant to subsection 1 must provide 34 35 that if the person named in the order does not, within 30 days after the date on which the order is issued, submit to any agency that has 36 37 issued a professional, occupational or recreational license, certificate or permit to that person, and to the Secretary of State if he or she 38 39 conducts business in this State as a sole proprietor, a letter from the 40 district attorney or other public agency stating that the person has 41 complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560, the professional, occupational or 42 recreational licenses, *certificates or permits* issued to the person by 43 44 that agency, or the state business registration issued to the person to 45 conduct business in this State as a sole proprietor by the Secretary of





1 State, will be automatically suspended. Such an order must not 2 apply to a license, certificate or permit issued by the Department of Wildlife or the State Land Registrar if that license, certificate or 3 permit expires less than 6 months after it is issued.] 4 5 3. If a court issues an order pursuant to subsection 1, the 6 district attorney or other public agency shall send a notice by first-7 class mail to the person who is subject to the order. The notice must 8 include. 9 (a) If the person has failed to comply with a subpoena or 10 warrant, a copy of the court order and a copy of the subpoena or 11 warrant: or 12 (b) If the person is in arrears in the payment for the support of 13 one or more children: 14 (1) A copy of the court order; 15 (2) A statement of the amount of the arrearage; and 16 (3) A statement of the action that the person may take to 17 satisfy the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560. Sec. 14. NRS 432B.560 is hereby amended to read as follows: 18 19 432B.560 1. The court may also order: (a) The child, a parent or the guardian to undergo such medical, 20 psychiatric, psychological, or other care or treatment as the court 21 22 considers to be in the best interests of the child. 23 (b) A parent or guardian to refrain from: 24 (1) Any harmful or offensive conduct toward the child, the 25 other parent, the custodian of the child or the person given physical 26 custody of the child; and 27 (2) Visiting the child if the court determines that the 28 visitation is not in the best interest of the child. 29 (c) A reasonable right of visitation for a grandparent of the child 30 if the child is not permitted to remain in the custody of the parents 31 of the child. The court shall order a parent or guardian to pay to the 32 2. 33 custodian an amount sufficient to support the child while the child is in the care of the custodian pursuant to an order of the court, unless 34 35 the child was delivered to a provider of emergency services pursuant to NRS 432B.630 and the location of the parent is unknown. 36 37 Payments for the obligation of support must be determined in accordance with [NRS 125B.070 and 125B.080,] the guidelines 38 established by the Administrator of the Division of Welfare and 39 Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human 40 41 Services pursuant to section 8 of this act, but must not exceed the reasonable cost of the child's care, including food, shelter, clothing, 42 43 medical care and education. An order for support made pursuant to 44 this subsection must.





1 (a) Require that payments be made to the appropriate agency or 2 office: (b) Provide that the custodian is entitled to a lien on the 3 obligor's property in the event of nonpayment of support; and 4 5 (c) Provide for the immediate withholding of income for the 6 payment of support unless: 7 (1) All parties enter into an alternative written agreement; or (2) One party demonstrates and the court finds good cause to 8 9 postpone the withholding. A court that enters an order pursuant to subsection 2 shall 10 3. ensure that the social security number of the parent or guardian who 11 12 is the subject of the order is: 13 (a) Provided to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services 14 of the Department of Health and Human Services. 15 (b) Placed in the records relating to the matter and, except as 16 otherwise required to carry out a specific statute, maintained in a 17 confidential manner. 18 **Sec. 15.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 19 thereto a new section to read as follows: The Department shall, upon receiving notification from a 20 1. district attorney or other public agency collecting support for children pursuant to NRS 425.510 that a court has determined 21 22 that a person: 23 24 (a) Has failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating 25 to a proceeding to establish paternity or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or 26 27 (b) Is in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more 28 children. send a written notice to that person that the registration of each 29 30 motor vehicle that is registered to or owned by the person is 31 subject to suspension. 32 2. The notice must include: 33 (a) The reason for the suspension of the registration; (b) The information set forth in subsections 3 to 7, inclusive; 34 35 and 36 (c) Any other information the Department deems necessary. 37 If a person who receives a notice pursuant to subsection 1 does not, within 30 days after receiving the notice, comply with the 38 subpoena or warrant or satisfy the arrearage as required in NRS 39 425.510, the Department shall suspend the registration of each 40 motor vehicle that is registered to or owned by the person without 41 providing the person with an opportunity for a hearing and shall 42 43 require the return to the Department of the license plates of each 44 such motor vehicle.





1 4. If the registration of a motor vehicle of a person is 2 suspended pursuant to this section, the person shall immediately 3 return the certificate of registration and the license plates of the 4 motor vehicle to the Department.

5 The period of suspension of the registration of a motor 5. 6 vehicle that is suspended pursuant to this section begins on the 7 effective date of the suspension as set forth in the notice thereof.

8 The Department shall reinstate the registration of a motor **6**. 9 vehicle that was suspended pursuant to this section and reissue the 10 license plates of the motor vehicle if it receives:

11 (a) A notice from the district attorney or other public agency 12 pursuant to NRS 425.510 that the person has complied with the 13 subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to 14 that section: and

15 (b) Payment of the fee for reinstatement of registration prescribed in subsection 10 of NRS 482.480. 16

17 The suspension of the registration of a motor vehicle 7. 18 pursuant to this section does not prevent the owner of the motor 19 vehicle from selling or otherwise transferring an interest in the motor vehicle. 20

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Sec. 16. NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 482.480 There must be paid to the Department for the 23 registration or the transfer or reinstatement of the registration of 24 motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, fees according to the 25 following schedule:

26 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for each stock 27 passenger car and each reconstructed or specially constructed passenger car registered to a person, regardless of weight or number 28 29 of passenger capacity, a fee for registration of \$33.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:

31 (a) For each of the fifth and sixth such cars registered to a 32 person, a fee for registration of \$16.50.

33 (b) For each of the seventh and eighth such cars registered to a 34 person, a fee for registration of \$12.

35 (c) For each of the ninth or more such cars registered to a 36 person, a fee for registration of \$8. 37

The fees specified in subsection 2 do not apply: 3.

(a) Unless the person registering the cars presents to the 38 39 Department at the time of registration the registrations of all the cars 40 registered to the person. 41

(b) To cars that are part of a fleet.

42 4. For every motorcycle, a fee for registration of \$33 and for 43 each motorcycle other than a trimobile, an additional fee of \$6 for 44 motorcycle safety. The additional fee must be deposited in the State





General Fund for credit to the Account for the Program for the
 Education of Motorcycle Riders created by NRS 486.372.

5. For every moped, a one-time fee for registration of \$33.

4 6. For each transfer of registration, a fee of \$6 in addition to 5 any other fees.

6 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of NRS 7 485.317, to reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is 8 suspended pursuant to that section:

9 (a) A fee as specified in NRS 482.557 for a registered owner 10 who failed to have insurance on the date specified by the 11 Department, which fee is in addition to any fine or penalty imposed 12 pursuant to NRS 482.557; or

(b) A fee of \$50 for a registered owner of a dormant vehicle who
cancelled the insurance coverage for that vehicle or allowed the
insurance coverage for that vehicle to expire without first cancelling
the registration for the vehicle in accordance with subsection 3 of
NRS 485.320,

both of which must be deposited in the Account for Verification
 of Insurance which is hereby created in the State Highway Fund.
 The money in the Account must be used to carry out the provisions
 of NRS 485.313 to 485.318, inclusive.

8. For every travel trailer, a fee for registration of \$27.

9. For every permit for the operation of a golf cart, an annualfee of \$10.

10. For every low-speed vehicle, as that term is defined in NRS
484B.637, a fee for registration of \$33.

11. To reinstate the registration of a motor vehicle that is suspended pursuant to NRS 482.451 or 482.458, *or section 15 of this act*, a fee of \$33.

12. For each vehicle for which the registered owner has indicated his or her intention to opt in to making a contribution pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection 3 of NRS 482.215 or subsection 4 of NRS 482.280, a contribution of \$2. The contribution must be distributed to the appropriate county pursuant to NRS 482.1825.

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Sec. 17. NRS 502.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 502.115 1. If the Department receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of 38 all professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates 39 40 and permits issued to a person who is the holder of a license or 41 permit to hunt, fish or trap [that does not expire less than 6 months] after it is issued,) or a license to practice commercial taxidermy, the 42 43 Department shall deem the license or permit issued to that person to 44 be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which the 45 court order was issued unless the Department receives a letter issued





to the holder of the license or permit by the district attorney or other
public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the holder of the
license or permit has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has
satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

5 The Department shall reinstate a license or permit to hunt, 2. 6 fish or trap or a license to practice commercial taxidermy that has 7 been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the 8 Department receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other 9 public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose license 10 or permit was suspended stating that the person whose permit or 11 license was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant 12 or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

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Sec. 18. NRS 503.5835 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 503.5835 1. If the Department receives a copy of a court 15 order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational 16 17 licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who is the 18 holder of a permit or license issued pursuant to NRS 503.582 or 503.583, [that does not expire less than 6 months after it is issued,] 19 the Department shall deem the permit or license issued to that 20 21 person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on 22 which the court order was issued unless the Department receives a 23 letter issued to the holder of the permit or license by the district 24 attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating 25 that the holder of the permit or license has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to 26 27 NRS 425.560.

28 2. The Department shall reinstate a permit or license issued 29 pursuant to NRS 503.582 or 503.583 that has been suspended by a 30 district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the Department receives a 31 letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose permit or license was 32 33 suspended stating that the person whose permit or license was 34 suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has 35 satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

36 **Sec. 19.** Chapter 679A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 37 thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. As a condition of being able to conduct business in this State, every provider of insurance shall, not less than 30 days before making any payment of \$500 or more pursuant to a policy, exchange information with the Program in the manner prescribed by the Division to verify whether the claimant owes debt for the support of one or more children to the Division or to a person receiving services from the Program.





2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if a provider 1 2 of insurance is notified by the Program that a claimant owes debt for the support of one or more children to the Division or to a 3 person receiving services from the Program, the provider of 4 insurance shall, upon receipt of a notice issued by the enforcing 5 6 authority identifying the amount of debt owed:

(a) Withhold from payment on the claim the amount specified 7 8 in the notice: and

(b) Remit the amount withheld from payment to the enforcing 9 10 authority within 30 days.

3. If a provider of insurance withholds any funds from 11 payment on a claim and remits the funds to the enforcing authority pursuant to subsection 2, the provider of insurance 12 13 14 shall, upon disbursing any payment to the claimant, notify the 15 claimant of that fact.

16 4. Any lien or claim for attorney's fees, medical expenses or 17 property damage has priority over any withholding of payment 18 pursuant to subsection 2.

19 5. Any information obtained pursuant to this section must be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this 20 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a 21 provider of insurance may not be held liable in any civil or 22 criminal action for any act made in good faith pursuant to this 23 section. 24 25

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Claimant" means any person who brings a claim against 26 27 an insured under any type of policy of insurance, including, without limitation, a policy of life insurance. 28

29 (b) "Debt" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 425.295.

(c) "Division" means the Division of Welfare and Supportive 30 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. 31

(d) "Enforcing authority" has the meaning ascribed to it in 32 NRS 425.312. 33

(e) "Program" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 425.318.

35 Sec. 20. NRS 125B.070, 125B.085 and 125B.095 are hereby repealed 36

37 Sec. 21. 1. This section and sections 4 to 8, inclusive, 12, 13 38 and 15 to 19, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2017.

39 2. Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 20 of this act become effective on the effective date of the regulations adopted by the 40 41 Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services establishing the 42 43 guidelines in this State for the support of one or more children 44 pursuant to section 8 of this act.



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TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

125B.070 Amount of payment: Definitions; adjustment of presumptive maximum amount based on change in Consumer Price Index.

1. As used in this section and NRS 125B.080, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Gross monthly income" means the total amount of income received each month from any source of a person who is not self-employed or the gross income from any source of a self-employed person, after deduction of all legitimate business expenses, but without deduction for personal income taxes, contributions for retirement benefits, contributions to a pension or for any other personal expenses.

(b) "Obligation for support" means the sum certain dollar amount determined according to the following schedule:

- (1) For one child, 18 percent;
- (2) For two children, 25 percent;
- (3) For three children, 29 percent;
- (4) For four children, 31 percent; and
- (5) For each additional child, an additional 2 percent,

 \rightarrow of a parent's gross monthly income, but not more than the presumptive maximum amount per month per child set forth for the parent in subsection 2 for an obligation for support determined pursuant to subparagraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, unless the court sets forth findings of fact as to the basis for a different amount pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 125B.080.

2. For the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the presumptive maximum amount per month per child for an obligation for support, as adjusted pursuant to subsection 3, is:

		PRESUMPTIVE MAXIMUM AMOUNT		
		The Presumptive Maximum Amount the		
INCOME RANGE			Parent May Be Required to Pay	
If the Parent's Gross		But	per Month per Child Pursuant to	
Monthly Income Is at Least		Less Than	Paragraph (b) of Subsection 1 Is	
\$0	_	\$4,168	\$500	
4,168	-	6,251	550	
6,251	-	8,334	600	
8,334	-	10,418	650	
10,418	_	12,501	700	
12,501	-	14,583	750	
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If a parent's gross monthly income is equal to or greater than \$14,583, the presumptive maximum amount the parent may be required to pay pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 is \$800.

3. The presumptive maximum amounts set forth in subsection 2 for the obligation for support must be adjusted on July 1 of each year for the fiscal year beginning that day and ending June 30 in a rounded dollar amount corresponding to the percentage of increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) published by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year. On April 1 of each year, the Office of Court Administrator shall determine the amount of the increase or decrease required by this subsection, establish the adjusted amounts to take effect on July 1 of that year and notify each district court of the adjusted amounts.

4. As used in this section, "Office of Court Administrator" means the Office of Court Administrator created pursuant to NRS 1.320.

125B.085 Order for support to include provision regarding medical support for child.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 125B.012, every court order for the support of a child issued or modified in this State on or after June 2, 2007, must include a provision specifying that one or both parents are required to provide medical support for the child and any details relating to that requirement.

2. As used in this section, "medical support" includes, without limitation, coverage for health care under a plan of insurance that is reasonable in cost and accessible, including, without limitation, the payment of any premium, copayment or deductible and the payment of medical expenses. For the purpose of this subsection:

(a) Payments of cash for medical support or the costs of coverage for health care under a plan of insurance are "reasonable in cost" if:

(1) In the case of payments of cash for medical support, the cost to each parent who is responsible for providing medical support is not more than 5 percent of the gross monthly income of the parent; or

(2) In the case of the costs of coverage for health care under a plan of insurance, the cost of adding a dependent child to any existing coverage for health care or the difference between individual and family coverage, whichever is less, is not more than 5 percent of the gross monthly income of the parent.

(b) Coverage for health care under a plan of insurance is "accessible" if the plan:

(1) Is not limited to coverage within a geographical area; or





(2) Is limited to coverage within a geographical area and the child resides within that geographical area.

125B.095 Penalty for delinquent payment of installment of obligation of support.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 125B.012, if an installment of an obligation to pay support for a child which arises from the judgment of a court becomes delinquent in the amount owed for 1 month's support, a penalty must be added by operation of this section to the amount of the installment. This penalty must be included in a computation of arrearages by a court of this State and may be so included in a judicial or administrative proceeding of another state. A penalty must not be added to the amount of the installment pursuant to this subsection if the court finds that the employer of the responsible parent or the district attorney or other public agency in this State that enforces an obligation to pay support for a child caused the payment to be delinquent.

2. The amount of the penalty is 10 percent per annum, or portion thereof, that the installment remains unpaid. Each district attorney or other public agency in this State undertaking to enforce an obligation to pay support for a child shall enforce the provisions of this section.

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