

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 137—ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY

FEBRUARY 6, 2009

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing branch laboratories of the State Hygienic Laboratory. (BDR 40-201)

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; authorizing the University of Nevada School of Medicine to designate certain branch laboratories of the State Hygienic Laboratory; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the University of Nevada School of Medicine to maintain
2 the State Hygienic Laboratory. The purpose of the State Hygienic Laboratory is to
3 make available proper laboratory facilities to diagnose communicable diseases,
4 make certain examinations, conduct certain research and undertake other technical
5 and laboratory duties as are in the interest of the health of the general public.
6 Existing law also authorizes the University of Nevada School of Medicine to
7 establish and maintain such branch laboratories of the State Hygienic Laboratory as
8 may be necessary. (NRS 439.240) This bill authorizes the University of Nevada
9 School of Medicine to designate, establish or maintain those branch laboratories.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 439.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 439.240 1. The University of Nevada School of Medicine
3 shall maintain the State Hygienic Laboratory, heretofore established
4 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 230, Statutes of Nevada 1909,
5 and may *designate*, establish ~~and~~ *or* maintain such branch
6 laboratories as may be necessary.
7 2. The purpose of the State Hygienic Laboratory is:
8 (a) To make available, at such charges as may be established, to
9 health officials, the State Dairy Commission and licensed physicians



1 of the State, proper laboratory facilities for the prompt diagnosis of
2 communicable diseases.

3 (b) To make necessary examinations and analyses of water,
4 natural ice, sewage, milk, food and clinical material.

5 (c) To conduct research into the nature, cause, diagnosis and
6 control of diseases.

7 (d) To undertake such other technical and laboratory duties as
8 are in the interest of the health of the general public.

9 3. The person in charge of the State Hygienic Laboratory, or
10 his designee, must be a skilled bacteriologist.

11 4. The person in charge of the State Hygienic Laboratory may
12 have such technical assistants as that person, in cooperation with the
13 University of Nevada School of Medicine, considers necessary.

14 5. Reports of investigations conducted at the State Hygienic
15 Laboratory may be published from time to time in bulletins and
16 circulars.

17 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

