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NEWS RELEASE

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs
(Assembly Bill 9, Chapter 430, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Grant Sawyer State Office Building
Room 4401
555 East Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

Videoconferenced to:
The Legislative Building
Room 2135
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS (ASSEMBLY BILL 9, CHAPTER 430, STATUTES OF NEVADA 2009)
HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN LAS VEGAS**

The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (Assembly Bill 9, Chapter 430, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*) will convene its first meeting in Las Vegas on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building. The meeting will also be videoconferenced to Room 2135 of the Legislative Building in Carson City, and public comment at the end of the meeting will be welcome from both locations.

The agenda for the Committee's first meeting and additional information about the Committee can be found at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Interim/75th2009/Committee>. Topics to be covered at the first meeting include the following: the work of the Strategic Planning Accountability Committee

for Seniors; the economic and fiscal impact of Nevada's senior population; and issues relating to long-term care in Nevada such as the licensing of facilities and administrators, the work of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, long-term care for Veterans, the work of the Nevada Health Care Association, care provided to patients with Alzheimer's Disease, and rape in long-term care facilities.

According to the Chair, Assemblywoman Kathy McClain:

“With the recent events of neglect and maltreatment of our vulnerable elders finally coming to light and the overall confusion on what “assisted living facilities” incorporate, it is vital that we review the standards and the regulations that have been piecemealed over the years to correct deficiencies and create a regulatory climate that will ensure safe, compassionate care for the residents who depend on the services provided. We will be focusing on how these problems have occurred, what we must do to correct them, and devise a plan to address the entire picture during the upcoming legislative session.”

Chair McClain may be reached for comment at kam15@msn.com or 702/898-5579.

The Committee members include: Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chair (D-Clark, No. 15), Senator Shirley A. Breeden, Vice Chair (D-Clark, No. 5), Senator Dennis Nolan (R-Clark, No. 9), Senator Joyce Woodhouse (D-Clark, No. 5), Assemblyman Ellen B. Spiegel (D-Clark, No. 21), and Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart (R-Clark, No. 22).

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