

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
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Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

April 10, 2015

ASSEMBLY BILL 242

**Prescribes requirements concerning the care of patients in facilities for skilled nursing.
(BDR 40-417)**

Sponsored by: Committee on Health and Human Services (On Behalf of the
Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults
with Special Needs)

Date Heard: April 8, 2015

Fiscal Impact: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

Assembly Bill 242 requires a facility for skilled nursing to provide to each patient a certain amount of direct care provided by a registered nurse or certified nursing assistant. A facility is also required to respond to each request for assistance by a patient within 20 minutes after the request is made. The bill authorizes the State Board of Health to establish a monitoring system to ensure that such facilities comply with these requirements and also authorizes the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to enforce these requirements.

Amendments: The sponsor presented the below amendments during the hearing.

- Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a subcommittee to conduct an interim study of the quality and funding of post-acute care in Nevada and alternatives to institutionalization such as Home and Community-Based services.
- The Legislative Commission shall appoint membership of the subcommittee composed of four legislators.
- The study must include, without limitation,
 - Alternatives to institutionalization;
 - Cost savings of Home and Community-Based waiver programs;
 - Impact of post-acute care services on the quality of life of a person receiving such services;
 - Review of state and national quality measures for post-acute care; and
 - Review of state and federal funding methodologies for post-acute care.
- The interim study must submit a report of its finding, including, without limitation, any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature.