

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY GROUP HOMES

Assembly Bill 294
(Chapter 298, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study Group Homes at its final meeting on June 9, 2010. The following bill draft requests (BDRs) will be submitted to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2011. During the drafting process, specific details of the following proposals for legislation may be further clarified by staff in consultation with the Chair or others, as appropriate. The corresponding BDR number follows each recommendation for legislation.

1. Draft legislation to require (rather than allow under current law) penalties for operating a group home without a license. The penalties would be \$10,000 for a first offense, \$25,000 for a second offense, and \$50,000 for a third or subsequent offense. **(BDR 40-671)**
2. Draft legislation to prohibit administrators and/or owners of group homes from handling patients' finances and/or legal affairs. The language will require that a third party handle such matters. The legislation will also prohibit the administrator and/or owner of a group home from being the beneficiary of a patient's life insurance or will. **(BDR 40-673)**
3. Draft legislation to require a referral form for all residents being referred to a licensed facility within the state. The legislation will specify that the form must be kept in the residents' files at the facility. **(BDR 40-674)**
4. Draft legislation to clarify definitions between the state and local governments relative to group home facilities. **(BDR 20-675)**
5. Draft legislation to establish a mechanism for reporting infractions at homes for juveniles. The legislation will also require training for personnel at homes for juveniles where infractions have been found. **(BDR 38-672)**