

LCB File No. R145-05

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
REGULATIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**

Workshop Notice: The Department of Personnel, 209 East Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada, telephone number (775) 684-0119, is proposing the adoption and amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 284 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

A workshop has been set for 8:30 a.m. on October 11, 2005, at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 4100 in Carson City, Nevada. A videoconference link will also be available at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4412 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulations is included with this announcement. Additional copies may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Department of Personnel offices at 209 East Musser Street, Room 300, Carson City, Nevada, telephone number (775) 684-0119, or 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 1400, Las Vegas, Nevada, telephone number (702) 486-2900. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

Hearing Notice: The Personnel Commission will hold a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on November 8, 2005, in Carson City at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 4100. A videoconference link will also be available in Las Vegas at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4412. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations. If no person, who is directly affected by the proposed action, appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Personnel Commission may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

- These regulations do not have a direct economic effect on any business or the public.
- Enforcement of these regulations will not result in an increased cost.
- To our knowledge, these regulations do not overlap or duplicate the regulations of other State or local governmental agencies.
- These regulations do not establish any new fee or increase an existing fee.
- A statement of the need for and the purpose of the proposed regulations precedes the text of each regulation included in the attached document.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Personnel Commission may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to Shelley Blotter, Department of Personnel, 209 East Musser Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4204. **Written submissions must be received by the Department of Personnel on or before October 18, 2005.** A copy of this notice and the regulations to be amended will be on file at the State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be adopted or amended will be available at the Department of Personnel, 209 East Musser Street, Room 300, Carson City, Nevada, or at the Department of Personnel, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. The text of each regulation will include the entire text of any section of the Nevada Administrative Code that is proposed for amendment. Copies

will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principle reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

The notice of the Workshop and Hearing has been posted at the following locations:

CARSON CITY

Blasdel Building, 209 East Musser Street
Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart St.
Capitol Building, Main Floor
Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street

Department of Personnel Web Site www.dop.nv.gov

ALL STATE AGENCIES

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LAS VEGAS

Grant Sawyer State Office Building
555 East Washington Avenue

NOTE: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Department of Personnel, in writing, at 209 East Musser Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4204, or call Debra Berry at (775) 684-0110, no later than five working days prior to the meeting.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL**

Explanation of Change: This new section proposed by the Department of Personnel describes the attendance requirements for State Service. NAC 284.590 is incorporated into this new section.

NEW SECTION: Attendance required.

- 1. An employee is required to report for his shift, on time, ready to perform the duties and tasks assigned to his position.*
- 2. An absence from work shall be requested in writing on a form approved by the Department of Personnel and must meet the requirements set forth in NAC 284.538 through NAC 284.589 inclusive.*
- 3. Each agency shall develop written procedures for officers and employees to report and request approval for absences, and a copy shall be provided to employees at the time of hire.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, replaces the word “care” in the current language with an actual definition of the word.

NAC 284.5231 “Care” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) “Care,” means the ~~care that is~~ *activities performed and attention* provided when an employee:

1. Provides psychological comfort and reassurance to his spouse, child or parent with a serious health condition who is receiving inpatient or home care;
2. Substitutes for another person who is caring for the employee’s spouse, child or parent who has a serious health condition;
3. Makes arrangements for any change in the care of his spouse, child or parent with a serious health condition; or
4. Provides physical or psychological care to his spouse, child, parent or other member of his immediate family, who is unable to provide for his own:
 - (a) Basic medical, hygienic or nutritional needs;
 - (b) Safety; or
 - (c) Transportation to a provider of health care.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, simplifies the language of the current regulation. In accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, this amendment also increases the minimum number of hours worked before a lunch period is required, thereby, providing additional scheduling options for flexible work schedules.

NAC 284.524 Workweeks and workdays; periods for rest and meals. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345)

1. The workweek for state employees is 40 hours. ~~[-, except that workweeks]~~ *Workweeks* of a different number of hours may be established to meet the needs of ~~[different]~~ state agencies in compliance with the provisions of NRS 281.100, 281.110 and 284.180. The workday for a full-time state employee who works a standard or nonstandard work schedule consists of two work periods separated by a 1/2- to 1-hour meal period. Insofar as practicable, the meal period must occur in the middle of the work shift. A rest period of 15 minutes must be

granted for each 4-hour period of work and, insofar as practicable, must occur in the middle of the period of work.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, an appointing authority shall provide a meal period and rest period to an employee who has an innovative work schedule during each workday as follows:
 - (a) A 1/2- to 1-hour meal period must be provided during each period of work that exceeds ~~[5]~~ 6 hours. Insofar as practicable, the meal period must occur in the middle of the work shift.
 - (b) A rest period of 15 minutes must be provided for each 4-hour ~~[period-of]~~ work *shift* and, insofar as practicable, must occur in the middle of the period of work.
3. The requirement to relieve an employee for a 1/2- to 1-hour meal period does not apply to an employee who receives a paid meal period.
4. The requirement for a rest period does not apply to an employee ~~[of]~~ *who*:
 - (a) ~~[A correctional institution who works]~~ *Works* directly with the inmates at ~~[the]~~ *a correctional* institution.
 - (b) The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of ~~[Human Resources]~~ *Health and Human Services* ~~who~~:
 - ~~(1) Maintains]~~ *maintains* or monitors the equipment in a heat plant which operates 24 hours a day~~[-]~~ and
 - ~~[(2) Works]~~ *works* a straight 8-hour ~~[work]~~ shift.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, simplifies the language of the current regulation. The amendment moves subsection 6 up to subsection 5 and incorporates subsection 7 into the language of subsection 6.

NAC 284.5255 Time sheets. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.175, 284.345)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an employee shall provide an accurate accounting of the hours worked and leave used during a pay period on the appropriate form provided by his employer, including~~[-, without limitation,]~~ the specific times at which his work shifts started and ended. Entries must be made to account for all hours in the pay period, as prescribed by his employer. The employee shall submit the form in a timely manner to his supervisor or the designated representative of the supervisor.

2. An exempt classified employee or exempt unclassified employee shall provide on the appropriate form an accurate accounting of leave used pursuant to NAC 284.5895.

3. An employee who falsifies his time sheet or who causes or attempts to cause another employee to falsify a time sheet may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to NAC 284.650, *Causes for disciplinary action*.

4. An employee's supervisor is responsible for reviewing the employee's time sheet and verifying the accuracy of all hours worked and leave used by the employee.

5. A supervisor who is negligent in reviewing and certifying the accuracy of an employee's timesheet may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to NAC 284.650.

~~[5]~~ 6. The supervisor or ~~[payroll representative]~~ *the person who is responsible for coordinating the payroll of the agency* ~~[of an employee]~~ may change an entry on an employee's time sheet in accordance with ~~[the]~~ *agency* policy. ~~[for the correction of errors on time sheets of the payroll center that administers the payroll of the agency that employs the employee. If an employee's supervisor or payroll representative changes]~~ *If a change is made to* an entry on the employee's time sheet~~[-, including, without limitation, the number of hours that the employee worked, the type of pay requested by the employee, or the type of leave that the employee used,]~~

the employee must be notified of the change. If the employee contests a change to an entry on his time sheet, ~~[the employee]~~ *he* is entitled only to his base pay for the workweek in question. The contested entry must be resolved as soon as practicable and any adjustment must be made during the next pay period following the resolution of the contested entry.

~~[6. A supervisor who is negligent in reviewing and certifying the accuracy of an employee's time sheet may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to NAC 284.650.]~~

~~[7. As used in this section, "payroll representative" means a person who is responsible for coordinating the payroll of the agency that employs the employee with the payroll center that administers that payroll.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, puts the language in a format that is easier to read and interpret. It moves paragraphs 5 and 6 of NAC 284.5385 to this section because the content is more applicable in this section.

NAC 284.538 Annual leave: Long-term employees. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.350)

1. *For each calendar month of full-time service, an employee accrues annual leave at the rate of:*
 - (a) *1 1/2 days per month for an [An] employee who has completed 10 years or more but less than 15 years of continuous full-time or part-time state service. ~~[is entitled to accrue up to a maximum of 1 1/2 days of annual leave for each calendar month of full-time service. If an employee has not been in continuous public service, the period before the interruption will not be counted except as otherwise provided in NAC 284.5405.]~~*
 - ~~[2. An] (b) 1 3/4 days per month for an~~ employee who has completed 15 years or more of continuous full-time or part-time state service. ~~[is entitled to accrue up to a maximum of 1 3/4 days of annual leave for each calendar month of full-time service. If an employee has not been in continuous public service, the period before the interruption will not be counted except as otherwise provided in NAC 284.5405.]~~
2. *A part-time employee is entitled to receive annual leave prorated based on the number of hours he is in paid status.*
3. *An employee who holds two or more part-time positions in state service may combine the time from all positions to compute annual leave.*
4. *If an employee has not been in continuous service, the period before the interruption will not be counted except as otherwise provided in NAC 284.5405, Annual leave; credit upon reinstatement, rehiring, reemployment or transfer.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, clarifies and simplifies the current regulation. Subsections 5 and 6 are deleted from this section and inserted into NAC 284.538 which relates to leave accrual.

NAC 284.5385 Annual leave: Leave without pay; catastrophic leave; receipt of benefits for temporary total disability; computation; part-time employees. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.350)

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 284.580, *relating to fiscal emergencies*, an employee does not accrue annual leave during the time he is on leave without pay or on catastrophic leave.

2. A person who is receiving benefits for a temporary total disability pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, or 617 of NRS, *relating to work related injury or occupational disease*, and makes the election provided in:
 - (a) Subsection 1 or 3 of NRS 281.390, is entitled to accrue annual leave during the period he is receiving those benefits and is being paid an amount of sick leave equal to the difference between his normal pay and the benefits received.
 - (b) Subsection 5 of NRS 281.390, must be placed on leave of absence without pay, unless the employee is on family and medical leave because a serious health condition prevents him from performing one or more of the essential functions of his position. Such an employee may, while he is on such leave, elect to use his accrued annual leave in lieu of being placed on leave of absence without pay.
3. An employee who does not have enough sick leave to make up the difference between his normal pay and the benefits for a temporary total disability must be placed on leave of absence without pay for the time he is receiving such benefits and the balance of time not covered by sick leave or other paid leave. ~~[Such an]~~ *The* employee accrues annual leave only for the time he is ~~[covered by sick leave or other]~~ in paid *status*~~[leave]~~. ~~[The employee ceases to be on leave of absence without pay when he has exhausted all of his sick leave and is not approved for other leave.]~~
4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NAC 284.5415, to compute the amount of annual leave to which an employee is entitled, an employee must be considered to work not more than 40 hours each week. If an employee occupies more than one position in different departments, ~~[he must be considered to work not]~~ *leave accrual must be based on no* more than 40 hours each week in each position.
5. ~~[A part-time employee is entitled to receive prorated annual leave on the basis of his rate of accrual for the equivalent of 1 month of full-time service.]~~
6. ~~[An employee who holds two or more part-time positions in state service may combine the time from all positions to compute the credit toward annual leave.]~~
7. The basis for the computation of ~~[the amount of]~~ annual leave to which an exempt classified ~~[employee]~~ or exempt unclassified employee is entitled must not exceed the number of hours authorized in the biennial operating budget of this State for his position.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, changes the requirement for approving annual leave. The new language states that a supervisor must respond within 15 working days to any request for leave by an employee. All annual leave requests must be made on a standardized form. This language changes the rule to require all leave requests be either approved or denied within 15 days of receipt and clarifies that all requests have the potential of being denied for good and sufficient reason.

NAC 284.539 Annual leave: Written request; approval or denial; authorized use. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.350)

1. Except as otherwise provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act, an appointing authority shall determine the time when annual leave is taken after considering the needs of the ~~[service and]~~ *agency*, the seniority and *the* wishes of the employee. *A request for annual leave must be made to the appointing authority on a form prescribed by the Department.* Annual leave may not be granted in excess of the accumulated annual leave. *A request for*

leave must be approved or denied, in writing, prior to the leave event or within 15 working days after receipt, whichever is sooner.

2. If an employee submits a written request for annual leave at least 60 days in advance, it must be honored except for good and sufficient reason. ~~[The approval or denial must be in writing within 15 workdays after receipt by the appointing authority of the written request for leave.]~~
The appointing authority may not prohibit an employee from using at least 5 consecutive days of annual leave in any calendar year.
3. An employee shall request annual leave at least 30 days in advance if the need for leave is foreseeable and the annual leave is to be taken in conjunction with a planned leave of absence without pay.
4. An employee who has accumulated both annual leave and compensatory time off, and who may lose annual leave at the end of the calendar year, may elect to use the annual leave instead of the compensatory time for approved leave. In all other instances, compensatory time must, as far as practicable, be exhausted before annual leave is used.
5. An employee who is receiving benefits for a temporary total disability pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, or chapter 617 of NRS may use his accrued annual leave pursuant to NAC 284.5775.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, changes the formatting to make the language more clear. There are no substantive changes. Subsection 9 is amended to clarify that if an employee is transferring as described in this subsection, and the newly calculated leave balance results in a negative number, he will begin classified service with zero hours of annual leave.

NAC 284.5405 Annual leave: Credit upon reinstatement, rehiring, reemployment or transfer. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.350)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, *an [any] employee [who returns to state service following a separation is eligible to accrue annual leave based on his total service with the State after he has completed 3 years of continuous service. The employee must requalify after each break in service.]*

~~— 2. An employee who is rehired within 1 year after being laid off accrues annual leave at a rate based on his total state service. He may use his annual leave immediately upon accruing it if he has completed 6 months of employment.~~

~~— 3. An employee with a permanent disability arising from a disability related to work who is reemployed following a separation from state service within 1 year after the date on which he sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013 accrues annual leave at a rate based on his total state service. He may use his annual leave immediately upon accruing it if he has completed 6 months of employment.]~~ *is eligible to accrue annual leave based on his total service with the State who:*

a. Returns to state service following a separation after he has completed 3 years of continuous service. The employee must requalify after each break in service.

b. Is rehired within 1 year after being laid off. He may use his annual leave upon accrual it if he has completed a total of 6 months of state service.

c. Has a permanent disability arising from a disability related to work and who is reemployed following a separation from state service within 1 year after the date on which he

sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013. He may use his annual leave upon accrual if he has completed a total of 6 months of state service.

2. An employee is entitled to buy back the balance of annual leave for which he received payment if he is:

a. Rehired within 1 year after being laid off. The rate of pay at which he is rehired applies to the buying back of annual leave.

b. An employee with a permanent disability arising from a work related illness or occupational disease who is reemployed following a separation from state service within 1 year after the date on which he sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013. The rate of pay at which he is reemployed applies to the buying back of annual leave.

3. If an employee who was laid off before completing 6 months of employment is rehired within 1 year after his layoff, the amount of the unpaid annual leave he had earned before the layoff must be restored to him.

4. If a person eligible for military reemployment is reemployed, he accrues annual leave at the rate which he would have earned if he had not left state service.

5. If an employee is appointed without a break in service from a position under one appointing authority to a position under another appointing authority, the balance of his annual leave is charged to the agency to which he is appointed.

6. If a nonclassified employee, an unclassified employee of the ~~[University and Community College System of]~~ Nevada *System of Higher Education*, or an employee included in the State Personnel System pursuant to NRS 284.022 is appointed without a break in service to the classified or unclassified service, his annual leave must be recomputed to reflect the amount that would have accrued to him as a classified or unclassified employee less any annual leave which he used during his nonclassified, University, or governmental agency employment, and the remaining balance will be transferred to the new appointment. The amount of annual leave transferred by the employee pursuant to this subsection may not exceed the maximum amount which is permitted by the classified or unclassified rate of accrual as set forth in NRS 284.350 and NAC 284.538. The agency to which the employee is appointed is not responsible for payment of any annual leave in excess of the amount which is transferable. It is the responsibility of the employee who is transferring annual leave to seek payment of any excess amount of annual leave remaining to his credit from his former employer. *If the calculation of leave to be transferred results in a negative amount, the employee will begin classified service with a zero balance.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, changes the terminology to reflect current usage.

NAC 284.542 Sick leave: Part-time employees. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355)

1. A part-time employee *accrues* ~~[is entitled to prorated]~~ sick leave ~~[on the basis]~~ of 1 1/4 days *per month, prorated based on hours in paid status* ~~[of credit for the equivalent of 1 month of full-time service.]~~

2. An employee who holds two or more part-time positions in the state service may combine the time in all positions for the purpose of computing ~~[credit for]~~ sick leave *accrual*.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, puts the language of the current regulation in a format that is easier to read and interpret. The amendment removes unnecessary and redundant Family and Medical Leave Act language.

NAC 284.544 Sick leave: Leave without pay; catastrophic leave; receipt of benefits for temporary total disability; computation. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355)

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 284.580, *relating to fiscal emergencies*, an employee does not accrue sick leave during the time he is on leave without pay or ~~on~~ catastrophic leave.

2. A person who is receiving benefits for a temporary total disability pursuant to chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, or 617 of NRS, *relating to work-related injury or occupational disease*, and:

(a) Makes the election provided in subsection 1 or 3 of NRS 281.390, is entitled to accrue sick leave during the period he is receiving those benefits and is being paid an amount of sick leave equal to the difference between his normal pay and the benefits received.

(b) Makes the election provided in subsection 5 of NRS 281.390, must be placed on leave of absence without pay, unless the employee ~~is on family and medical leave because a serious health condition prevents him from performing one or more of the essential functions of his position. Such an employee may, while he is on such leave, elect~~ *elects* to use his accrued annual leave. ~~in lieu of being placed on leave of absence without pay.~~

3. An employee who does not have enough sick leave to make up the difference between his normal pay and the benefits for temporary total disability must be placed on leave of absence without pay for the time he is receiving such benefits and the balance of time not covered by ~~sick leave or other~~ paid leave. ~~Such an~~ *The* employee accrues sick leave only for the time he is ~~covered by sick leave or other~~ *in* paid *status* ~~leave~~. ~~The employee ceases to be on leave of absence without pay when he has exhausted all of his sick leave and is not approved for other leave.~~

4. To compute the amount of sick leave to which an employee is entitled, an employee must be considered to work not more than 40 hours each week. If an employee occupies more than one position in different departments, ~~he must be considered to work not~~ *leave accrual must be based on no* more than 40 hours each week in each position.

5. The basis for the computation of the amount of sick leave to which an exempt classified employee or exempt unclassified employee is entitled must not exceed the number of hours authorized in the biennial operating budget of this State for his position.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, adds a clarifying note that the separate account is also known as “special sick leave”. It adds reference headings for easier understanding.

NAC 284.546 Sick leave: Unused credit. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355) Unused sick leave accrued but not carried forward ~~because of the limitation~~ *according to provisions* in NRS 284.355, *Leave for sickness and disability*, ~~must be placed in a separate account and~~ *will be accounted for as special sick leave. This leave* may be used if the employee has used all the

sick leave otherwise available to him and meets the conditions, as applicable, of NAC 284.554, 284.566 and 284.568, *sick leave regulations*.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, clarifies that after the money has been repaid, the sick leave balances will be restored to an employee who was previously dismissed.

NAC 284.548 Sick leave: Repayment of benefits upon reinstatement of dismissed employee. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.175, 284.345, 284.355) An employee who is dismissed and later reinstated by an order of a hearing officer must repay ~~{any money}~~ the *amount the* employee received for payment of sick leave benefits *and have the leave balance restored*. The amount of the payment may be deducted from the future wage payments or any back pay owed to the employee.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, deletes subsection 4 because military service does not result in a separation from service. The amendment modifies the language of the current regulation to clarify the intent. Subsection 5 is amended to clarify that if an employee is transferring as described in this subsection, and the newly calculated leave balance results in a negative number, he will begin classified service with zero hours of sick leave.

NAC 284.551 Sick leave: Credit upon rehiring, reemployment or transfer. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355)

1. An employee who is rehired within 1 year after he is laid off is entitled to the restoration of the accrued and unused sick leave remaining in his account at the time of his layoff.

2. The balance of a seasonal employee's sick leave must be restored to him for each subsequent term of appointment if the employee is rehired within 1 year from the date of his last seasonal separation.

3. An employee *who is reemployed within 1 year after sustaining a permanent disability related to work pursuant to NAC 284.6013* ~~{with a permanent disability arising from a disability related to work who is reemployed following a separation from state service within 1 year after the date he sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013}~~ is entitled to restoration of the accrued and unused sick leave that remained in his account at the time of separation.

4. ~~{If a person who is eligible for reemployment because of his military service is reemployed, he is entitled to the restoration of the accrued and unused sick leave remaining in his account at the time of separation:}~~

~~5.}~~ If an employee is appointed without a break in service from a position under one appointing authority to a position under another appointing authority the balance of his sick leave is charged to the agency to which he is appointed.

~~{6.}~~ 5. If a nonclassified employee, an unclassified employee of the *Nevada System of Higher Education* ~~{University and Community College System of Nevada}~~, or an employee covered by NRS 284.022 is appointed to the classified or unclassified service without a break in service, his sick leave must be recomputed to reflect the amount that would have accrued to him as a classified or unclassified employee less any sick leave which he used during his

nonclassified, *Nevada System of Higher Education* ~~[University]~~, or governmental agency employment and the remaining balance will be transferred to the new appointment. *If the calculation of leave to be transferred results in a negative amount, the employee will begin classified service with a zero balance.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, reflects the title change for the University System. The amendment changes the language “special disabled” to reflect language that is currently used.

NAC 284.552 Sick leave: Service in provisional, special disabled, emergency or temporary status; seasonal employees. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355)

1. Service in provisional, ~~[special disabled,]~~ emergency, ~~[or]~~ temporary status, *or a temporary appointment of a person with a disability* must be credited towards sick leave.
2. Service in a special position which is temporary in the ~~[University and Community College System of Nevada]~~ *Nevada System of Higher Education* may be credited towards sick leave if it is immediately followed by probationary or permanent status.
3. An employee in a seasonal position must be credited with sick leave.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, changes the requirement to state the employee must request exceptions to the 120 hour family sick leave rule in writing and the employee must provide written verification from a health care provider of the need for leave. The amendment removes language relating to FMLA that is unnecessary.

NAC 284.558 Sick leave: Illness in employee’s immediate family. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if an employee is needed to provide care for a member of his immediate family with an illness or other authorized medical need, the employee may use his accumulated sick leave, not to exceed 120 hours in any 1 calendar year. An employee is not subject to this 120-hour limitation if the leave is approved under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

2. The appointing authority may approve an exception to the 120-hour limitation or the requirement that the immediate family member be living in the employee’s household. To obtain an exception, the employee ~~[may be required to]~~ *must* submit his request in writing to the appointing authority *and include* ~~[The appointing authority may require that the request be accompanied by]~~ a certification from a provider of health care ~~[of]~~ *substantiating* the need for the employee’s participation. ~~[The appointing authority may use the procedure and form which is used for certification under the Family and Medical Leave Act.]~~

3. The appointing authority may ~~[request]~~ *require* that the employee submit supplemental information ~~[Supplemental information]~~ *which* may include a second and third medical opinion as provided in subsection 2 of NAC 284.566, *Sick leave: Approval by appointing authority.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel changes the language to place the burden of determining the medical condition and work restriction on the Health Care Provider not the appointing authority. Subsections 2 and 3 are deleted because they describe a procedure to treat employees with disabilities differently than other employees. All employees should be treated equally in regards to being placed on sick leave. Subsection 4 is deleted because it is redundant to language in NAC 284.5811.

NAC 284.568 Sick leave: Placing employee on sick leave. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.355)

- ~~[1.] An appointing authority may place an employee on sick leave if, due to a known or suspected illness, the employee is not *able to perform the essential functions of* ~~[performing at the level required by]~~ his position or the illness ~~[is such that it]~~ appears to be contagious. *The appointing authority may require a release to return to work from a provider of health care before allowing the employee to return to work.*~~
- ~~[2. An appointing authority may place an employee with a disability on sick leave if, due to an illness or injury, the employee is not able to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation or the illness or injury is such that it is a direct threat to the employee or to another person. Before placing an employee with a disability on sick leave because an illness or injury is a direct threat to the employee or other person, the appointing authority shall consider whether the direct threat may be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation.]~~
- ~~[3. If an appointing authority places an employee with a disability on sick leave pursuant to subsection 2, the appointing authority must:~~
- ~~—(a) Identify a specific, significant and current risk of substantial harm; and~~
 - ~~—(b) Document the risk by medical or other factual evidence concerning the employee with a disability or other person.]~~
- ~~[4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 281.390, the appointing authority may require an eligible employee to use sick leave during the time family and medical leave is granted.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, provides as definition of the word “catastrophe” as required by NRS 284.362, which mandates that the commission adopt language to clearly define “catastrophe.” The new definition clearly defines the components of a catastrophe to include extreme loss, lasting distress and the unexpected nature of the condition.

NAC 284.575 Catastrophic leave: Interpretation of certain statutory terms. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.362, 284.3626) As used in NRS 284.362:

1. “Lengthy convalescence” means a period of disability which an attending physician expects to exceed 10 consecutive weeks.
2. “Life threatening” means a condition which is diagnosed by a physician as creating a substantial risk of death.
3. *“Catastrophe” means a serious event marked by tremendous loss or a serious illness with lasting distress which results in a condition that is life threatening or requires a lengthy convalescence.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by Department of Personnel, clarifies that an employee who has been approved by the appointing authority for catastrophic leave for a clearly specified period of time continues to be on approved leave for the approved period even if donations are not sufficient to pay the employee for the entire absence. Additionally, the new language mandates that any leave donation that is received after the employee has entered leave without pay status will be applied retroactively to create a continuous pay event for the employee.

NAC 284.576 Catastrophic leave: Use and administration; appeal of denial. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.3621, 284.3626)

1. An account for catastrophic leave may be established for an employee when he or a member of his immediate family experiences a catastrophe and the employee has used all of his accrued leave.
2. An employee who is affected by a catastrophe and has used or is about to use all of his leave may request, on the appropriate form, the transfer of leave to an account for catastrophic leave for his personal use after the balance of all of his leave has been used. Such a request must be accompanied by a statement from a physician on a form provided by the Committee on Catastrophic Leave created pursuant to NRS 284.3627 which substantiates the necessity of the leave.
3. When a member of the immediate family of an employee is affected by a catastrophe, the appointing authority of the employee may require substantiating evidence that the member of the immediate family requires the employee's attendance before approving the transfer of leave to an account for catastrophic leave for use by the employee. Such evidence may include a statement by an attending physician regarding the status of the catastrophe.
4. The appointing authority shall approve or deny a request for catastrophic leave, taking into consideration the nature of the catastrophe and the expected duration of the leave. The decision of the appointing authority may be appealed to the Committee on Catastrophic Leave pursuant to NRS 284.3629.
5. *An employee who has been approved for catastrophic leave for a specified period of time, who has no donations available to be transferred to his account, is deemed to be on approved leave without pay for that same approved period of time. If subsequent catastrophic leave donations are received, prior to the conclusion of the approved catastrophic leave period, they must be applied retroactively to cover the period without pay.*
- ~~[5.]~~ 6. An employee who wishes to donate hours to an account for catastrophic leave for use by another employee who has been approved to receive the donated hours shall notify his appointing authority on the appropriate form of his intent to donate the leave. The appointing authority of the employee donating the leave shall submit a copy of the form to the appointing authority of the employee receiving the leave. The appointing authority of the recipient shall use the notice to effect a transfer of leave from the account of the donor to the account of the recipient when the recipient needs to use those hours. If more than one notice of intent to donate leave is received by the recipient's appointing authority on behalf of the recipient, the notices must be maintained in chronological order and used, one at a time as needed, according to the date in which they were received.
- ~~[6.]~~ 7. A donor and his appointing authority must be notified on the appropriate form when the donated leave specifically designated for use by another employee has been used or if the

amount of leave donated is in excess of the amount approved for use by the recipient. Excess leave must be restored to the account of the donor within 30 working days after the last day on which the recipient was eligible to receive catastrophic leave.

- ~~[7-]~~ 8. The appointing authority shall provide the following information on a calendar year basis or as requested by the Director:
- (a) Each employee under its authority, identified by a number assigned in accordance with subsection 8, donating or using catastrophic leave, his grade and rate of pay and the number of hours and dollar value of the leave donated, excluding any excess leave restored to the account of a donor, pursuant to subsection 6, or used by the employee;
 - (b) The period and nature of the disability for each employee using catastrophic leave; and
 - (c) A comparison of the average dollar value of the accounts for catastrophic leave based on the average rate of pay of the donors and the average dollar value of the leave taken by the recipients.
- ~~[8-]~~ 9. The appointing authority shall assign numbers to employees for the purposes of subsection 7 in a sequential order and in such a manner that ensures the confidentiality of the identity of those employees.
- ~~[9-]~~ 10. Hours donated to an account for catastrophic leave must be donated in increments of 8 hours.
- ~~[10-]~~ 11. As used in this section, “immediate family” has the meaning ascribed to it in NAC 284.562.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, simplifies the language of the current regulation and reorders the information (subsection 2 is moved to subsection 5) to make it easier to read and understand. A “reasonable time” is defined as “five working days from the notification date.” Subsection 6 is added to clarify that employees with existing leave balances must have approval by the appointing authority to take a leave of absence without pay prior to exhausting their annual and sick leave.

NAC 284.578 Leave of absence without pay. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345)

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 284.360, *the appointing authority may grant* a leave of absence without pay ~~[may be granted]~~ to an employee for not more than 1 year ~~[by the appointing authority]~~ for any satisfactory reason.
- ~~[2- The Commission, upon the recommendation of the appointing authority, may grant leaves of absence without pay in excess of 1 year for purposes deemed beneficial to the public service.]~~
2. *An employee shall request leave without pay at least 30 days in advance when the need for the leave is foreseeable.*
3. ~~[An]~~ *With the exception of an employee on Family and Medical Leave, an* appointing authority may require an employee on leave of absence without pay to submit every 2 weeks a statement of his intent to return to work.
4. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 281.390, if]~~ *If* the reason for granting the leave no longer exists~~[, or for another bona fide reason,]~~ the appointing authority may revoke the leave after notifying the employee in writing and allowing ~~[a reasonable time]~~ *no less than five working days from the notification date* for the employee to return to work.
- ~~[5- An employee shall request leave without pay at least 30 days in advance of when the need for the leave is foreseeable, if practicable.]~~

5. *The Personnel Commission may grant leaves of absence without pay in excess of 1 year for purposes deemed beneficial to the public service.*
6. *Leave without pay may not be used in lieu of sick or annual leave unless approved by the appointing authority. Pursuant to NAC 284.511, leave without pay may be granted for the purposes of the Family and Medical Leave Act only when other forms of paid leave have been exhausted.*

Explanation of Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel explains the Family and Medical Leave in terms of an entitlement rather than a limitation. The amendment removes redundant statements, and adds language to the existing regulation to clarify intent. Subsection 6 has been deleted and incorporated into subsection 1.

NAC 284.5811 Family and medical leave: Maximum amount in 12-month period; eligibility. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345, 284.350, 284.355, 284.3626)

1. ~~[The entitlement for family and medical leave for an eligible employee is limited]~~—*The Family and Medical Leave Act entitles an eligible employee to a total of 12 weeks of leave for a qualifying event during a rolling 12-month period. The 12-month period is measured backward from the date an employee uses any family and medical leave.*

2. To calculate eligibility for leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, each hour that an employee is in paid status in the 12-month period immediately preceding the leave must be considered as time worked.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, an employee who meets the requirements for eligibility ~~[for]~~ *and is taking* leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act must exhaust his accrued sick leave, accrued annual leave, *and* catastrophic leave ~~[and holiday pay]~~ before he may use leave ~~[of absence]~~ without pay. ~~[for leave granted pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act. Such accrued]~~ *Accrued* sick leave, ~~[accrued]~~ annual leave, *and* catastrophic leave *and any* holiday pay *to which the employee is entitled pursuant to NAC 284.255* ~~[runs]~~ *run* concurrently with the leave granted pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act if the employee is otherwise eligible for that ~~[sick]~~ leave ~~[, annual leave, catastrophic leave]~~ or holiday pay.

4. If an employee is absent from work as the result of a work-related injury or illness and he meets the requirements for eligibility for leave due to a serious health condition pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act:

(a) Any amount of time that the employee is absent from work during that period will be designated as leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act; and

(b) The employee may elect to use paid leave *or leave without pay* for the portion of time that he is not being compensated for the work-related injury or illness.

5. Any leave granted pursuant to this section must be supported by medical documentation and approved by the appointing authority.

~~[6. As used in this section, a “rolling 12-month period” means the 12-month period as measured backward from the date an employee uses any family and medical leave.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, removes language from the current regulation that is redundant. The amendment deletes the last sentence of subsection 4 because agencies know their budgetary constraints and this language is procedural and does not need to be in administrative code.

NAC 284.582 Civil leave with pay to serve on jury or as witness. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.175, 284.345)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, civil leave with pay must be granted to any employee who is required, during his normal hours of work, to serve:
 - (a) On a jury; or
 - (b) As a witness in a court or at an administrative hearing *when he is not* ~~[unless he is]~~ a party to the action *and the action* ~~[which]~~ is not related to his job.The period of the leave must not be deducted from the balance of his annual leave. An employee who is granted the leave must receive his regular pay while on the leave, and he may retain any fee paid to him for his service as a juror or witness.
2. If an employee, in his official capacity as a state employee and as part of his required duties, serves as a witness during his regular working hours, he shall accept any witness fee offered to him and relinquish it to the agency by which he is employed.
3. If an employee is paid travel expenses and subsistence allowances by the court or public agency for which he performs service as a witness, he may retain that payment only if the State has not provided him payment for the same purpose. If the State has provided him such a payment, he shall relinquish it to the agency by which he is employed.
4. ~~[As far as practical, agencies]~~ *Agencies* shall attempt to adjust the working hours of employees who work night shifts and are called as witnesses or for jury duty during the day. If an agency feels this is impractical, in the case of jury duty, it shall petition the court to excuse the juror. ~~[The agency may also consider options such as hiring relief help or rescheduling volunteer work.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, clarifies time off is to be granted only if it is impracticable to vote before or after hours of employment and the employee must get approval *prior* to the election day.

NAC 284.586 Civil leave with pay to vote. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) Civil leave with pay must be granted to allow an employee time off to vote subject to the conditions established in NRS 293.463, *which allows time off if it is impracticable for him to vote before or after his hours of employment. A request for civil leave to vote shall be made to the person authorized to grant such leave prior to the day of the election.*

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, makes minor changes including simplifying sentence structure and including the terms “Fitness for Duty” and “alcohol and drugs” for clarification. Work environment was changed to “workplace” for consistency with Risk Management guidelines. Employee Association activities are more clearly authorized for a maximum of 32 hours.

NAC 284.589 Administrative leave with pay. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345)

1. An appointing authority may grant administrative leave with pay to an employee:
 - (a) To relieve the employee of his duties during the active investigation of a suspected criminal violation or the investigation of ~~[an]~~ alleged wrongdoing;

- (b) For up to 30 days when the appointing authority initiates the leave to obtain the results of an examination concerning the ability of the employee to perform the essential functions of his position (*Fitness for Duty*);
 - (c) For up to 30 days to remove the employee from the ~~{work environment}~~ *workplace* when he has committed or threatened to commit an act of violence;
 - (d) For up to 2 hours to donate blood; or
 - (e) To relieve the employee of his duties until the appointing authority receives the results of a screening test pursuant to NRS 284.4065, *for alcohol or drugs*.
2. The appointing authority, upon approval of the Risk Management Division of the Department of Administration, may extend administrative leave with pay granted to an employee for a purpose set forth in paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 1.
 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, an appointing authority or the Department of Personnel may grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) His participation in, or attendance at, activities which are directly or indirectly related to the employee's job or his employment with the State but which do not require him to participate or attend in his official capacity as a state employee *such as work related seminars, classes and conferences*.
 - (b) Closure of the employee's office or work site caused by a natural disaster or other similar adverse condition when the employee is scheduled and expected to be at work. An appointing authority may designate certain employees as essential and notify them that they are required to report to work.
 - (c) His appearance as an aggrieved employee or a witness at a hearing of the Committee.
 - (d) His appearance as an appellant or a witness at a hearing conducted pursuant to NRS 284.390 by a hearing officer of the Department of Personnel.
 - (e) His appearance to provide testimony at a meeting of the Commission.
 4. An appointing authority or the Department of Personnel shall grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for a purpose set forth in paragraph (c), (d), or (e) of subsection 3 if:
 - (a) The employee requests the administrative leave for a period of time that is reasonably needed for him to testify at the hearing or meeting;
 - (b) The employee requests the administrative leave at least 2 weeks before the leave is needed, unless such notice is impractical; and
 - (c) The absence of the employee will not cause an undue hardship to the operations of his appointing authority or adversely impact the provision of services to clients or to the public.
 5. An appointing authority shall grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) The initial appointment and one follow-up appointment if the employee receives counseling through the Employee Assistance Program.
 - (b) His attendance at a health fair which has been authorized by the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program.
 - (c) His participation in an official capacity as a member of a committee or board created by statute on which he serves as a representative of state employees. Such leave must be in lieu of other fees provided for attendance at meetings and participation in official functions of the committee or board.
 - (d) Up to 8 hours for preparation for hearings regarding his suspension, demotion or dismissal as provided in subsection 1 of NAC 284.656, *relating to notice of hearing*.

- (e) Up to 8 hours for preparation for hearings regarding his involuntary transfer.

Explanation of change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, simplifies the language of the current regulation and removes redundant statements.

NAC 284.5895 Computation of leave for exempt classified and unclassified employees. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345)

1. ~~For the purposes of accounting for the use of leave appropriate to an absence, a~~ An absence of an exempt classified employee, or exempt unclassified employee for a full workday shall be deemed to be an absence for a period equal to his regularly scheduled hours of employment on that workday.
2. Except when an absence for part of a workday is authorized for family and medical leave, an exempt classified employee or exempt unclassified employee must only account for an absence of one or more full workdays by the use of leave appropriate to the absence, and is not required to account for any absence for part of a workday ~~by the use of leave appropriate to the absence~~.
3. An exempt classified employee or exempt unclassified employee must not account for an absence ~~for a full workday~~ by the use of a combination of accrued sick leave and accrued annual leave unless:
 - (a) He is on family and medical leave; or
 - (b) He has been approved for catastrophic leave and the catastrophic leave is used as a supplement for the remaining sick and annual leave.
4. If an exempt classified employee or exempt unclassified employee does not have accrued leave appropriate to the absence in an amount sufficient to account for an authorized absence, the employee must be placed on leave of absence without pay for that workday unless he is approved to use catastrophic leave.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, changes the language so an unauthorized absence OR an unreported absence must be considered an absence without leave. The language in subsection 3 is simplified.

NAC 284.594 Unauthorized absences. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.175, 284.345)

1. An unauthorized ~~and~~ **or** unreported absence must be considered an absence without leave and a deduction of pay must be made for the absence.
2. A deduction of pay may be made for a reported but unauthorized absence when the appointing authority declines to authorize the leave for reasons which are substantial and just.
3. Such absences may be ~~made the grounds~~ **cause** for disciplinary action.
4. A deduction from the pay of an exempt classified employee or exempt unclassified employee must be made in increments of a full workday.

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Personnel, clarifies that a return from military service is not a “reemployment”. The language is changed to simplify the language. The amendment removes the word “former” in subsection 4 to maintain consistency with the other subsections.

NAC 284.598 Breaks in continuous service. (NRS 284.065, 284.155) The following are not breaks in continuous service:

1. ~~Authorized military~~ **Military** leave for active service if the person ~~is reemployed~~ **returns from leave** within 90 calendar days after an honorable discharge from military service.

2. ~~[Separation because of]~~ A layoff if ~~[a former]~~ *the* employee is ~~[rehired]~~ *reemployed* within 1 year after the date he was laid off.
3. *A seasonal layoff if the* ~~[Reemployment of a seasonal]~~ employee is reemployed within 1 year after the end of the previous seasonal appointment.
4. *A separation due to* ~~[Separation because an employee sustained]~~ a permanent disability arising from a ~~[disability related to work]~~ *work-related injury or occupational disease*, if the ~~[former]~~ employee ~~[was]~~ *is* reemployed ~~[not later than]~~ *within* 1 year after the date on which he sustained the permanent disability as determined pursuant to NAC 284.6013.

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel recommends this section be repealed. All definitions relating to NAC 284.5231 to 284.5239, inclusive are recommended to move to the General Provisions of Chapter 284 or are redundant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

NAC 284.523 Definitions. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[As used in NAC 284.523 to 284.598, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 284.5231 to 284.5239, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel is recommending this section be repealed because it is redundant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

NAC 284.5232 “Continuing treatment” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[“Continuing treatment” means:~~

- ~~— 1. Two or more treatments received from a provider of health care if the treatment normally requires a visit to the office of the provider of health care or a nurse or physician assistant who is under the direct supervision of the provider of health care;~~
- ~~— 2. Two or more treatments received from a provider of health care services, such as a physical therapist, under the orders of, or referred by, a provider of health care;~~
- ~~— 3. At least one treatment received from a provider of health care which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of a provider of health care;~~
- ~~— 4. The continuing supervision of, but not necessarily active treatment by, a provider of health care because of a long term or permanent condition for which treatment may not be effective; or~~
- ~~— 5. Any combination of treatments described in subsections 1 to 4, inclusive.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel recommends this section be repealed because it has been recommended the language be changed in NAC 284.5811 relating to Family and Medical Leave and the phrase “Eligible employee” will no longer be used.

NAC 284.5233 “Eligible employee” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[“Eligible employee” means an employee who is eligible for family and medical leave.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel is recommending this section be repealed because it is redundant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and does not provide a complete definition.

NAC 284.5234 “Family and medical leave” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[“Family and medical leave” means any paid leave or leave of absence without pay which is granted to an eligible employee:]~~

- ~~— 1. For the birth of a child of the employee and the care of that child if the leave is taken during the 12 months immediately following the date of the birth of that child;~~
- ~~— 2. For the placement of a child through adoption or foster care with the employee if the leave is taken during the 12 months immediately following the date of placement of that child;~~
- ~~— 3. To care for his spouse, child or parent who has a serious health condition; or~~
- ~~— 4. Because of a serious health condition of the employee which makes him unable to perform one or more of the essential functions of his position.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel recommends this section be repealed because it is redundant to NAC 284.581.

NAC 284.52345 “Family and Medical Leave Act” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[“Family and Medical Leave Act” means the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 adopted by reference in NAC 284.581.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel is recommending this section be repealed because it is redundant to the federal Family and Medical Act.

NAC 284.5236 “Intermittent leave” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[“Intermittent leave” means leave taken in separate periods rather than in one continuous period, because of a single injury or illness.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel recommends this section be repealed because this terminology is specific to the Family and Medical Leave Act in federal regulations and therefore this section is redundant to federal regulation.

~~[NAC 284.5238 “Reduced leave” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) [“Reduced leave” means a schedule of leave which reduces the usual number of hours in a workweek or workday of an employee.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel is recommending this section be repealed because it is redundant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

NAC 284.5239 “Serious health condition” defined. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345)

- ~~[1. “Serious health condition” means an illness, an injury, or a physical or mental condition which involves:~~
- ~~— (a) Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity or any subsequent treatment in connection with such inpatient care; or~~
 - ~~— (b) Continuing treatment by or under the supervision of a provider of health care for one or more periods of:~~
 - ~~— (1) Incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days, and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity related to the same condition that also involves continuing treatment.~~
 - ~~— (2) Incapacity because of pregnancy or for prenatal care.~~
 - ~~— (3) Incapacity because of a chronic serious health condition, or treatment for such incapacity. A chronic serious health condition is one that continues over an extended period of time, requires periodic visits for treatment by or under the direct supervision of a health care provider, and which may cause episodic periods of incapacity.~~
 - ~~— (4) Incapacity which is permanent or long-term because of a condition for which treatment may not be effective, but for which the person is under the continuing supervision of a health care provider.~~

- ~~— (5) Absence to receive multiple treatments by or under the direction of a health care provider for restorative surgery after an accident or other injury.~~
- ~~— (6) Absence to receive multiple treatments by or under the direction of a health care provider for a condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment.~~
- ~~2. The term “serious health condition” does not include:~~
 - ~~— (a) Cosmetic treatments which do not require inpatient care and which do not result in medical complications; or~~
 - ~~— (b) Minor conditions such as the common cold, flu or an earache which do not result in medical complications.~~
- ~~3. As used in this section, “incapacity” means the inability to work, attend school or perform other regular daily activities because of a serious health condition, including any treatment or recovery period.]~~

Explanation of Proposed Change: The Department of Personnel recommends this section be repealed. This language has been included in the newly proposed section, “Attendance required.”

NAC 284.590 Employees required to report absences. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) ~~[An officer or employee who is absent from duty shall report the reason therefor to his supervisor or designated representative as prescribed in writing by the agency.]~~