
SENATE BILL NO. 201—SENATORS PARKS, RATTI, FORD, ATKINSON,
SPEARMAN; CANCELA, CANNIZZARO, DENIS, FARLEY,
MANENDO, SEGERBLOM AND WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ARAUJO, CARRILLO, CARLTON,
NEAL, COHEN; BROOKS, FLORES, KRASNER,
OHRENSCHALL, SWANK, THOMPSON AND YEAGER

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to conversion therapies.
(BDR 54-301)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 mental health professionals; prohibiting certain practitioners from providing sexual orientation or gender identity conversion therapy to a minor; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law regulates certain mental health professionals including
2 psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists, certain
3 registered nurses and certain licensed clinical or independent social workers.
4 (Chapters 630, 632, 633 and 641-641B of NRS) This bill prohibits certain mental
5 health professionals from providing sexual orientation or gender identity
6 conversion therapy to a person who is under 18 years of age.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 *1. A psychotherapist shall not provide any sexual orientation*
4 *or gender identity conversion therapy to a person who is under*



1 *18 years of age regardless of the willingness of the person or his*
2 *or her parent or legal guardian to authorize such therapy.*

3 *2. Any violation of subsection 1 is a ground for disciplinary*
4 *action by a state board that licenses a psychotherapist as defined*
5 *in subsection 3.*

6 *3. As used in this section:*

7 *(a) "Gender identity conversion therapy" means any*
8 *psychotherapy, counseling, hypnosis or other treatment or therapy*
9 *aimed at altering the gender-related identity of a person so that*
10 *such gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior of a*
11 *person, regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth, is*
12 *eliminated, reduced or redirected to the person's assigned sex at*
13 *birth.*

14 *(b) "Psychotherapist" means:*

15 *(1) A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State*
16 *pursuant to chapter 630 and certified by the American Board of*
17 *Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.;*

18 *(2) A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State*
19 *pursuant to chapter 633 and certified by the American Osteopathic*
20 *Board of Neurology and Psychiatry of the American Osteopathic*
21 *Association;*

22 *(3) A psychologist licensed to practice in this State pursuant*
23 *to chapter 641 of NRS;*

24 *(4) A social worker holding a master's degree in social*
25 *work and licensed in this State as an independent social worker or*
26 *a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;*

27 *(5) A registered nurse holding a master's degree in the field*
28 *of psychiatric nursing and licensed to practice professional*
29 *nursing in this State pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS; or*

30 *(6) A marriage and family therapist or clinical professional*
31 *counselor licensed in this State pursuant to chapter 641A of*
32 *NRS.*

33 *(c) "Sexual orientation conversion therapy" means any*
34 *psychotherapy, counseling, hypnosis or other treatment or therapy*
35 *aimed at altering the sexual or romantic attraction, desire or*
36 *conduct of a person toward persons of the same sex so that such*
37 *sexual or romantic attraction, desire or conduct is eliminated,*
38 *reduced or redirected toward persons of the opposite sex. The term*
39 *does not include treatment aimed at altering the sexual or*
40 *romantic attraction, desire or conduct of a person towards*
41 *children or persons related by consanguinity.*

42 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

43 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
44 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
45 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and



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2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

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