
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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