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

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

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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.

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AN ACT relating to health care professionals; prohibiting certain  
health care professionals 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 homeopathic physicians, advanced practitioners of  
2 homeopathy, homeopathic assistants and certain mental health professionals  
3 including psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists,  
4 certain registered nurses and certain licensed clinical or independent social workers.  
5 (Chapters 630, 630A, 632, 633 and 641-641B of NRS) This bill prohibits  
6 homeopathic physicians, advanced practitioners of homeopathy, homeopathic  
7 assistants and certain mental health professionals from providing sexual orientation  
8 or gender identity 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 conversion therapy*  
4 *to a person who is under 18 years of age regardless of the*  
5 *willingness of the person or his or her parent or legal guardian to*  
6 *authorize such therapy.*

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

10      3. *As used in this section:*

11      (a) *“Conversion therapy” means any practice or treatment that*  
12 *seeks to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a*  
13 *person, including, without limitation, a practice or treatment that*  
14 *seeks to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or*  
15 *reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward persons*  
16 *of the same gender. The term does not include counseling that:*

17      (1) *Provides assistance to a person undergoing gender*  
18 *transition; or*

19      (2) *Provides acceptance, support and understanding of a*  
20 *person or facilitates a person’s ability to cope, social support and*  
21 *identity exploration and development, including, without*  
22 *limitation, an intervention to prevent or address unlawful conduct*  
23 *or unsafe sexual practices that is neutral as to the sexual-*  
24 *orientation of the person receiving the intervention and does not*  
25 *seek to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of the*  
26 *person receiving the intervention.*

27      (b) *“Psychotherapist” means:*

28      (1) *A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State*  
29 *pursuant to chapter 630;*

30      (2) *A homeopathic physician, advanced practitioner of*  
31 *homeopathy or homeopathic assistant licensed or certified*  
32 *pursuant to chapter 630A or NRS;*

33      (3) *A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State*  
34 *pursuant to chapter 633;*

35      (4) *A psychologist licensed to practice in this State pursuant*  
36 *to chapter 641 of NRS;*

37      (5) *A social worker licensed in this State as an independent*  
38 *social worker or a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B*  
39 *of NRS;*

40      (6) *A registered nurse holding a master’s degree in the field*  
41 *of psychiatric nursing and licensed to practice professional*  
42 *nursing in this State pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS;*



1           ***(7) A marriage and family therapist or clinical professional***  
2 ***counselor licensed in this State pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;***  
3 ***or***

4           ***(8) A person who provides counseling services as part of his***  
5 ***or her training for any of the professions listed in subparagraphs***  
6 ***(1) to (7), inclusive.***

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

- 8       1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
9 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
10 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and  
11       2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.



