

Assembly Bill No. 305—Committee
on Commerce and Labor

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to providers of health care; limiting the amount a provider of health care may charge to fill out certain forms necessary to take a leave of absence authorized by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, certain employees have the right to take an unpaid leave of absence from work for certain medical or family reasons, including, without limitation: (1) because of a serious health condition of the employee that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her position; (2) to care for certain family members who have a serious health condition; or (3) to care for certain veterans or members of the Armed Forces who have suffered a serious injury or illness. (29 U.S.C. § 2612) The Act authorizes an employer of an employee who requests leave for one of those reasons to require the employee to provide a certification issued by a health care provider that contains certain information concerning the serious health condition or serious injury or illness. (29 U.S.C. § 2613; 29 C.F.R. §§ 825.305-825.310) This bill prohibits a provider of health care from charging a person more than \$30 to fill out a form for such a certification. This bill requires that amount to be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (All Items) for the immediately preceding year. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to determine the amount of the adjustment on or before January 1 of each year and establish the adjusted amount to take effect on January 1 of that year. This bill also requires the Department to post the adjusted amount on its Internet website.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A provider of health care shall not charge a person more than \$30 to fill out a form for a certification required by an employer pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 2613.

2. The amount specified in subsection 1 must be increased or decreased annually in an amount corresponding to the percentage of increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) published by the United States Department of Labor for the immediately preceding year. On or before January 1 of each year, the Department of Health and Human Services shall determine the amount of the increase or decrease required by this subsection



and establish the adjusted amount to take effect on January 1 of that year. The Department shall also post the adjusted amount on its Internet website.

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