SENATE BILL NO. 333-SENATOR BUCK

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Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development

SUMMARY—Establishes a credit against certain taxes for a taxpayer who donates money to a charter school tax credit organization that makes grants to charter schools for certain purposes. (BDR 32-623)

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

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

AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a credit against the modified business tax and the general tax on insurance premiums for a taxpayer who donates money to a charter school tax credit organization; providing for the appointment of a charter school tax credit organization to distribute donations to eligible charter schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires employers to pay an excise tax, commonly referred to as 123456789 the modified business tax, on the wages paid to their employees during each calendar quarter. (NRS 363A.130, 363B.110) Existing law also requires each insurer to pay to the Department of Taxation a tax upon net direct premium and net direct considerations written at the rate of 3.5 percent (the general tax on insurance premiums). (NRS 680B.027) Sections 1, 3 and 7 of this bill authorize a taxpayer to receive a credit against the modified business tax or the general tax on insurance premiums equal to an amount which is approved by the Department of Taxation and which must not exceed the amount of any donation of money made by the 10 taxpayer to the charter school tax credit organization. To claim the tax credit, 11 sections 1, 3 and 7 require the charter school tax credit organization to apply to the 12 13 Department for approval of the credit for a taxpayer who intends to make a donation to the charter school tax credit organization. If the Department approves 14 the application, the charter school tax credit organization must provide notice to the 15 taxpayer, who must make the donation within 30 days after receiving the notice. If 16 the taxpayer does not make the donation within the requisite period, the taxpayer 17 forfeits eligibility for the credit. The Department: (1) must approve or deny 18 applications for the tax credit in the order in which the applications are received by





19 the Department; and (2) is authorized to approve applications for each fiscal year 20 until the amount of the tax credits approved for the fiscal year is \$10,000,000.

21 Sections 2 and 4 of this bill provide specifically for application of the credit against the modified business tax. Section 8 of this bill provides specifically for application of the credit against the general tax on insurance premiums

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Section 5 of this bill requires the Executive Director of the Department to appoint a charter school tax credit organization to oversee and administer the donations received pursuant to the provisions of this bill. Section 5 requires the charter school tax credit organization to accept applications each year from charter schools who wish to receive a grant of money donated pursuant to the provisions of this bill and to make an annual distribution to eligible charter schools apportioned based on the number of enrolled pupils of the school who are eligible for free or 31 32 33 reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.

Sections 9 and 10 of this bill make conforming changes to indicate the 34 placement of sections 7 and 8 in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 363A of NRS is hereby amended by 2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. Any taxpayer who is required to pay a tax pursuant to NRS 363A.130 may receive a credit against the tax otherwise due for 4 5 any donation of money made by the taxpayer to the charter school tax credit organization in the manner provided by this section. 6

7 To receive the credit authorized by subsection 1, a taxpayer 2. 8 who intends to make a donation of money to the charter school tax 9 credit organization must, before making such a donation, notify 10 the charter school tax credit organization of the taxpayer's intent 11 to make the donation and to seek the credit authorized by subsection 1. The charter school tax credit organization shall, 12 13 before accepting any such donation, apply to the Department for 14 approval of the credit authorized by subsection 1 for the donation. 15 The Department shall, within 20 days after receiving the application, approve or deny the application and provide to the 16 charter school tax credit organization notice of the decision and, if 17 18 the application is approved, the amount of the credit authorized. Upon receipt of notice that the application has been approved, the 19 20 charter school tax credit organization shall provide notice of the 21 approval to the taxpayer who must, not later than 30 days after 22 receiving the notice, make the donation of money to the charter 23 school tax credit organization. If the taxpayer does not make the donation of money to the charter school tax credit organization 24 25 within 30 days after receiving the notice, the charter school tax credit organization shall provide notice of the failure to the 26





1 Department and the taxpayer forfeits any claim to the credit 2 authorized by subsection 1.

3 3. The Department shall approve or deny applications for the 4 credit authorized by subsection 1 in the order in which the 5 applications are received.

The Department may, for each fiscal year, approve 6 4. applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 until the 7 8 total amount of the credits authorized by subsection 1 and approved by the Department pursuant to this subsection, 9 subsection 4 of section 3 of this act and subsection 4 of section 7 10 of this act is \$10,000,000. The amount of any credit which is 11 12 forfeited pursuant to subsection 2 must not be considered in 13 calculating the amount of credits authorized for any fiscal year.

14 5. If a taxpayer applies to and is approved by the Department for the credit authorized by subsection 1, the amount of the credit 15 16 provided by this section is equal to the amount approved by the 17 Department pursuant to subsection 2, which must not exceed the 18 amount of the donation made by the taxpayer to the charter school tax credit organization. The total amount of the credit applied 19 20 against the taxes described in subsection 1 and otherwise due from 21 a taxpaver must not exceed the amount of the donation.

6. If the amount of the tax described in subsection 1 and otherwise due from a taxpayer is less than the credit to which the taxpayer is entitled pursuant to this section, the taxpayer may, after applying the credit to the extent of the tax otherwise due, carry the balance of the credit forward for not more than 5 years after the end of the calendar year in which the donation is made or until the balance of the credit is applied, whichever is earlier.

29 7. As used in this section, "charter school tax credit 30 organization" means the charter school tax credit organization 31 appointed by the Executive Director pursuant to section 5 of this 32 act.

Sec. 2. NRS 363A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 363A.130 1. There is hereby imposed an excise tax on each 35 employer at the rate of 2 percent of the wages, as defined in NRS 36 612.190, paid by the employer during a calendar quarter with 37 respect to employment in connection with the business activities of 38 the employer.

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2. The tax imposed by this section:

40 (a) Does not apply to any person or other entity or any wages
41 this State is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution, laws or
42 treaties of the United States or the Nevada Constitution.

43 (b) Must not be deducted, in whole or in part, from any wages of 44 persons in the employment of the employer.





1 3. Each employer shall, on or before the last day of the month 2 immediately following each calendar quarter for which the 3 employer is required to pay a contribution pursuant to 4 NRS 612.535:

5 (a) File with the Department a return on a form prescribed by 6 the Department; and

7 (b) Remit to the Department any tax due pursuant to this section 8 for that calendar quarter.

9 In determining the amount of the tax due pursuant to this 4. section, an employer is entitled to subtract from the amount 10 calculated pursuant to subsection 1 a credit in an amount equal to 50 11 12 percent of the amount of the commerce tax paid by the employer 13 pursuant to chapter 363C of NRS for the preceding taxable year. The credit may only be used for any of the 4 calendar quarters 14 15 immediately following the end of the taxable year for which the 16 commerce tax was paid. The amount of credit used for a calendar 17 quarter may not exceed the amount calculated pursuant to 18 subsection 1 for that calendar quarter. Any unused credit may not be 19 carried forward beyond the fourth calendar quarter immediately 20 following the end of the taxable year for which the commerce tax 21 was paid, and a taxpayer is not entitled to a refund of any unused 22 credit.

5. An employer who makes a donation of money to a scholarship organization during the calendar quarter for which a return is filed pursuant to this section is entitled, in accordance with NRS 363A.139, to a credit equal to the amount authorized pursuant to NRS 363A.139 against any tax otherwise due pursuant to this section. As used in this subsection, "scholarship organization" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388D.260.

An employer who makes a donation of money to the 30 6. 31 charter school tax credit organization during the calendar quarter 32 for which a return is filed pursuant to this section is entitled, in accordance with section 1 of this act, to a credit equal to the 33 34 amount authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act against any tax otherwise due pursuant to this section. As used in this 35 subsection, "charter school tax credit organization" has the 36 37 meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.

38 Sec. 3. Chapter 363B of NRS is hereby amended by adding 39 thereto a new section to read as follows:

Any taxpayer who is required to pay a tax pursuant to NRS
363B.110 may receive a credit against the tax otherwise due for
any donation of money made by the taxpayer to the charter school
tax credit organization in the manner provided by this section.

44 2. To receive the credit authorized by subsection 1, a taxpayer 45 who intends to make a donation of money to the charter school tax





credit organization must, before making such a donation, notify 1 2 the charter school tax credit organization of the taxpayer's intent 3 to make the donation and to seek the credit authorized by subsection 1. The charter school tax credit organization shall, 4 5 before accepting any such donation, apply to the Department for approval of the credit authorized by subsection 1 for the donation. 6 7 The Department shall, within 20 days after receiving the 8 application, approve or deny the application and provide to the charter school tax credit organization notice of the decision and, if 9 the application is approved, the amount of the credit authorized. 10 11 Upon receipt of notice that the application has been approved, the 12 charter school tax credit organization shall provide notice of the 13 approval to the taxpayer who must, not later than 30 days after receiving the notice, make the donation of money to the charter 14 school tax credit organization. If the taxpayer does not make the 15 16 donation of money to the charter school tax credit organization within 30 days after receiving the notice, the charter school tax 17 credit organization shall provide notice of the failure to the 18 Department and the taxpayer forfeits any claim to the credit 19 20 authorized by subsection 1.

21 3. The Department shall approve or deny applications for the 22 credit authorized by subsection 1 in the order in which the 23 applications are received.

24 The Department may, for each fiscal year, approve 4. 25 applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 until the 26 total amount of the credits authorized by subsection 1 and 27 approved by the Department pursuant to this subsection, 28 subsection 4 of section 1 of this act and subsection 4 of section 7 of this act is \$10,000,000. The amount of any credit which is 29 30 forfeited pursuant to subsection 2 must not be considered in 31 calculating the amount of credits authorized for any fiscal year.

32 If a taxpayer applies to and is approved by the Department 5. for the credit authorized by subsection 1, the amount of the credit 33 34 provided by this section is equal to the amount approved by the Department pursuant to subsection 2, which must not exceed the 35 amount of the donation made by the taxpaver to the charter school 36 tax credit organization. The total amount of the credit applied 37 38 against the taxes described in subsection 1 and otherwise due from 39 a taxpayer must not exceed the amount of the donation.

40 6. If the amount of the tax described in subsection 1 and 41 otherwise due from a taxpayer is less than the credit to which the 42 taxpayer is entitled pursuant to this section, the taxpayer may, 43 after applying the credit to the extent of the tax otherwise due, 44 carry the balance of the credit forward for not more than 5 years





1 after the end of the calendar year in which the donation is made 2 or until the balance of the credit is applied, whichever is earlier.

7. As used in this section, "charter school tax credit 3 organization" means the charter school tax credit organization 4 5 appointed by the Executive Director pursuant to section 5 of this 6 act.

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NRS 363B.110 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 4.

8 363B.110 1. There is hereby imposed an excise tax on each 9 employer at the rate of 1.475 percent of the amount by which the sum of all the wages, as defined in NRS 612.190, paid by the 10 employer during a calendar quarter with respect to employment in 11 12 connection with the business activities of the employer exceeds 13 \$50,000.

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2. The tax imposed by this section:

15 (a) Does not apply to any person or other entity or any wages 16 this State is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution, laws or 17 treaties of the United States or the Nevada Constitution.

18 (b) Must not be deducted, in whole or in part, from any wages of 19 persons in the employment of the employer.

20 3. Each employer shall, on or before the last day of the month 21 immediately following each calendar quarter for which the 22 employer is required to pay a contribution pursuant to NRS 612.535: 23

24 (a) File with the Department a return on a form prescribed by 25 the Department; and

26 (b) Remit to the Department any tax due pursuant to this chapter 27 for that calendar quarter.

28 In determining the amount of the tax due pursuant to this 4. 29 section, an employer is entitled to subtract from the amount 30 calculated pursuant to subsection 1 a credit in an amount equal to 50 31 percent of the amount of the commerce tax paid by the employer 32 pursuant to chapter 363C of NRS for the preceding taxable year. 33 The credit may only be used for any of the 4 calendar quarters 34 immediately following the end of the taxable year for which the 35 commerce tax was paid. The amount of credit used for a calendar 36 quarter may not exceed the amount calculated pursuant to 37 subsection 1 for that calendar quarter. Any unused credit may not be 38 carried forward beyond the fourth calendar quarter immediately 39 following the end of the taxable year for which the commerce tax 40 was paid, and a taxpayer is not entitled to a refund of any unused 41 credit.

42 5. An employer who makes a donation of money to a 43 scholarship organization during the calendar quarter for which a 44 return is filed pursuant to this section is entitled, in accordance with 45 NRS 363B.119, to a credit equal to the amount authorized pursuant





to NRS 363B.119 against any tax otherwise due pursuant to this
section. As used in this subsection, "scholarship organization" has
the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 388D.260.

4 An employer who makes a donation of money to the 6. 5 charter school tax credit organization during the calendar quarter 6 for which a return is filed pursuant to this section is entitled, in 7 accordance with section 3 of this act, to a credit equal to the 8 amount authorized pursuant to section 3 of this act against any tax otherwise due pursuant to this section. As used in this 9 subsection, "charter school tax credit organization" has the 10 11 meaning ascribed to it in section 3 of this act.

12 Sec. 5. Chapter 388A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14 1. The Executive Director of the Department of Taxation 15 shall solicit applications for and appoint a charter school tax 16 credit organization to oversee and administer donations made 17 pursuant to sections 1, 3 and 7 of this act. The charter school tax 18 credit organization appointed by the Executive Director must:

19 (a) Be exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of 20 the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

(b) Be incorporated in this State.

(c) Have sufficient experience raising funds to carry out the
 duties of the charter school tax credit organization.

(d) Have experience overseeing and administering education
 grants.

(e) Not own or operate any school in this State which receives
 any grant money pursuant to this section.

28 2. The charter school tax credit organization appointed 29 pursuant to subsection 1 shall open and maintain a separate 30 account in a financial institution located in the United States for 31 the deposit of any donations received pursuant to sections 1, 3 and 32 7 of this act.

33 3. The charter school tax credit organization shall establish a 60-day period each fiscal year in which the charter school tax 34 credit organization will accept applications from charter schools 35 36 who wish to receive a grant of money from the account created 37 pursuant to subsection 2. Each year, the charter school tax credit organization shall notify the State Public Charter School 38 Authority of the start date and end date of the application period 39 for that year not later than 30 days before the start date. The 40 41 charter school tax credit organization shall not charge an 42 application fee.

43 **4.** The charter school tax credit organization shall review the 44 applications submitted pursuant to subsection 3 and from those 45 applications create a list of eligible schools for that fiscal year. A



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charter school shall be deemed to be an eligible school if it is a 1 2 public school that: 3

(a) Is formed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; and

(b) Receives money pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds 4 Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6301 et seq., and is obligated to comply 5 6 with the provisions of that federal law.

7 Once per fiscal year the charter school tax credit 5. 8 organization shall distribute the money contained in the account created pursuant to subsection 2. The money in the account must 9 be apportioned and distributed among the eligible schools on a pro 10 11 rata basis according to the number of enrolled pupils in the school 12 who were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches under the 13 National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.

14 **6**. The charter school tax credit organization may expend not 15 more than 3 percent of the total amount of any donations received pursuant to sections 1, 3 and 7 of this act in a fiscal year to pay its 16 17 administrative expenses.

18 7. A school which receives a grant of money pursuant to 19 subsection 5 may use such money:

20 (a) To finance or lease school facilities; 21

(b) To renovate school facilities;

22 (c) To establish or supplement capital expenditure and 23 deferred maintenance reserves for the benefit of the school; or

24 (d) For any other capital expense which is permitted under 25 rules promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board 26 or its successor organization.

27 The charter school tax credit organization shall preserve 8. 28 for inspection and audit by the Department of Taxation and its 29 agents, for a period of 4 years, the books of account and all financial records of the charter school tax credit organization 30 relevant to the donations received pursuant to sections 1, 3 and 7 31 32 of this act and any distributions made pursuant to this section. The 33 charter school tax credit organization shall make the records 34 available for inspection by the Department of Taxation upon demand at reasonable times during regular business hours. 35

The Executive Director of the Department of Taxation may 36 9. 37 appoint a new charter school tax credit organization if the entity 38 previously appointed pursuant to subsection 1 violates any provision of this section or commits improper practices of 39 40 financial administration.

41 Sec. 6. Chapter 680B of NRS is hereby amended by adding 42 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 7 and 8 of this act.

43 Sec. 7. 1. Any taxpayer who is required to pay a tax 44 pursuant to NRS 680B.027 may receive a credit against the tax 45 otherwise due for any donation of money made by the taxpayer to





the charter school tax credit organization in the manner provided
 by this section.

3 2. To receive the credit authorized by subsection 1, a taxpayer who intends to make a donation of money to the charter school tax 4 5 credit organization must, before making such a donation, notify the charter school tax credit organization of the taxpayer's intent 6 to make the donation and to seek the credit authorized by 7 subsection 1. The charter school tax credit organization shall, 8 before accepting any such donation, apply to the Department of 9 Taxation for approval of the credit authorized by subsection 1 for 10 11 the donation. The Department of Taxation shall, within 20 days after receiving the application, approve or deny the application 12 13 and provide to the charter school tax credit organization notice of 14 the decision and, if the application is approved, the amount of the 15 credit authorized. Upon receipt of notice that the application has been approved, the charter school tax credit organization shall 16 17 provide notice of the approval to the taxpayer who must, not later than 30 days after receiving the notice, make the donation of 18 money to the charter school tax credit organization. If the 19 20 taxpayer does not make the donation of money to the charter 21 school tax credit organization within 30 days after receiving the 22 notice, the charter school tax credit organization shall provide 23 notice of the failure to the Department of Taxation and the 24 taxpayer forfeits any claim to the credit authorized by 25 subsection 1.

26 3. The Department of Taxation shall approve or deny 27 applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 in the order 28 in which the applications are received.

29 4. The Department of Taxation may, for each fiscal year, 30 approve applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 until the total amount of the credits authorized by subsection 1 and 31 approved by the Department of Taxation pursuant to this 32 subsection, subsection 4 of section 1 of this act and subsection 4 of 33 section 3 of this act is \$10,000,000. The amount of any credit 34 which is forfeited pursuant to subsection 2 must not be considered 35 in calculating the amount of credits authorized for any fiscal year. 36

If a taxpayer applies to and is approved by the Department 37 5. 38 of Taxation for the credit authorized by subsection 1, the amount of the credit provided by this section is equal to the amount 39 approved by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 2, 40 41 which must not exceed the amount of the donation made by the 42 taxpayer to the charter school tax credit organization. The total 43 amount of the credit applied against the taxes described in subsection 1 and otherwise due from a taxpayer must not exceed 44 45 the amount of the donation.





If the amount of the tax described in subsection 1 and 1 6. 2 otherwise due from a taxpayer is less than the credit to which the taxpayer is entitled pursuant to this section, the taxpayer may, 3 after applying the credit to the extent of the tax otherwise due, 4 5 carry the balance of the credit forward for not more than 5 years 6 after the end of the calendar year in which the donation is made 7 or until the balance of the credit is applied, whichever is earlier.

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7. As used in this section:

9 (a) "Charter school tax credit organization" means the charter 10 school tax credit organization appointed by the Executive Director 11 of the Department of Taxation pursuant to section 5 of this act.

12 (b) "Taxpayer" means any person liable for a tax imposed by 13 this chapter.

14 Sec. 8. An insurer who makes a donation of money to the 15 charter school tax credit organization during the calendar quarter 16 for which a report is filed pursuant to NRS 680B.032 or during a 17 calendar year in which a report is filed pursuant to NRS 680B.030 is entitled, in accordance with section 7 of this act, to a credit 18 equal to the amount authorized pursuant to section 7 of this act 19 20 against any tax otherwise due pursuant to NRS 680B.027. As used 21 in this subsection, "charter school tax credit organization" has the 22 meaning ascribed to it in section 7 of this act. 23

Sec. 9. NRS 680B.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 680B.025 For the purposes of NRS 680B.025 to 680B.039. 25 inclusive [;], and sections 7 and 8 of this act:

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"Total income derived from direct premiums written": 1.

27 (a) Does not include premiums written or considerations 28 received from life insurance policies or annuity contracts issued in 29 connection with the funding of a pension, annuity or profit-sharing 30 plan qualified or exempt pursuant to sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 31 457 or 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code as 32 renumbered from time to time.

33 (b) Does not include payments received by an insurer from the 34 Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to a contract 35 entered into pursuant to section 1876 of the Social Security Act, 42 36 U.S.C. § 1395mm.

37 (c) As to title insurance, consists of the total amount charged by 38 the company for the sale of policies of title insurance.

39 Money accepted by a life insurer pursuant to an agreement 2. 40 which provides for an accumulation of money to purchase annuities 41 at future dates may be considered as "total income derived from 42 direct premiums written" either upon receipt or upon the actual 43 application of the money to the purchase of annuities, but any 44 interest credited to money accumulated while under the latter 45 alternative must also be included in "total income derived from





direct premiums written," and any money taxed upon receipt, 1 including any interest later credited thereto, is not subject to taxation 2 3 upon the purchase of annuities. Each life insurer shall signify on its return covering premiums for the calendar year 1971 or for the first 4 5 calendar year it transacts business in this State, whichever is later, 6 its election between those two alternatives. Thereafter an insurer shall not change his or her election without the consent of the 7 8 Commissioner. Any such money taxed as "total income derived from direct premiums written" is, in the event of withdrawal of the 9 money before its actual application to the purchase of annuities, 10 eligible to be included as "return premiums" pursuant to the 11 12 provisions of NRS 680B.030.

13 Sec. 10. NRS 695F.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 695F.090 1. Prepaid limited health service organizations are 15 subject to the provisions of this chapter and to the following 16 provisions, to the extent reasonably applicable:

17 (a) NRS 687B.310 to 687B.420, inclusive, concerning 18 cancellation and nonrenewal of policies.

19 (b) NRS 687B.122 to 687B.128, inclusive, concerning 20 readability of policies.

21 (c) The requirements of NRS 679B.152.

22 (d) The fees imposed pursuant to NRS 449.465.

23 (e) NRS 686A.010 to 686A.310, inclusive, concerning trade 24 practices and frauds.

25 (f) The assessment imposed pursuant to NRS 679B.700.

(g) Chapter 683A of NRS.

(h) To the extent applicable, the provisions of NRS 689B.340 to
689B.580, inclusive, and chapter 689C of NRS relating to the
portability and availability of health insurance.

30 (i) NRS 689A.035, 689A.0463, 689A.410, 689A.413 and 31 689A.415.

(j) NRS 680B.025 to 680B.039, inclusive, *and sections 7 and 8 of this act* concerning premium tax, premium tax rate, annual report
 and estimated quarterly tax payments. For the purposes of this
 subsection, unless the context otherwise requires that a section apply
 only to insurers, any reference in those sections to "insurer" must be
 replaced by a reference to "prepaid limited health service
 organization."

39 (k) Chapter 692C of NRS, concerning holding companies.

40 (1) NRS 689A.637, concerning health centers.

2. For the purposes of this section and the provisions set forth
in subsection 1, a prepaid limited health service organization is
included in the meaning of the term "insurer."





1 Sec. 11. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.



