



A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Nevada provides that, "The Governor may on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislature by Proclamation and shall state to both houses when organized, the purpose for which they have been convened, and the Legislature shall transact no legislative business, except that for which they were specially convened, or such other legislative business as the Governor may call to the attention of the Legislature while in Session;"

WHEREAS, believing that an extraordinary occasion now exists which requires immediate action by the Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNY C. GUINN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Nevada, do hereby convene the Legislature into a Special Session to begin at 9:00 a.m., on July 29, 2002.

During this Special Session, I ask the Legislature to consider:

1. Establishing limits on the amount of non-economic damages available in medical malpractice cases;
2. Adopting a several liability standard for medical malpractice cases when non-economic damages are considered;
3. Adopting a new joint and several liability standard for medical malpractice cases when economic damages are considered;
4. Limiting the liability for acts occurring in a governmental or non-profit center for the treatment of trauma;
5. Allowing a judge, at the request of either party, discretion to enter a judgment providing that money for future damages be paid periodically;
6. Shortening the time period within which a medical malpractice case may be filed;
7. Reviewing the medical and dental screening panels to revise existing procedures and/or change the composition of the panels;
8. Providing discretion in the award of pre-judgment interest;
9. Strengthening the reporting requirements regarding disciplinary actions, claims, settlements and/or awards against physicians;

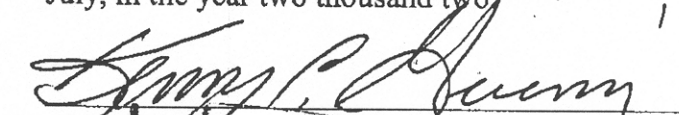
10. Requiring that district court judges have training in medical malpractice litigation before handling such cases;

11. Making it mandatory for attorneys to personally pay for the additional costs, expenses and fees that arise as a result of their unreasonable conduct in civil litigation.


During the Special Session, the Legislature may also consider other matters brought to its attention by the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed in Las Vegas, this 26th day of July, in the year two thousand two


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE


DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CARSON CITY, NEVADA , July 31, 2002

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During the 2001 Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 558 established the state's share of the cost of premiums or contributions for group insurance for each public officer and employee, and for those retirees who have retired from the state and have continued to participate in the public employee's benefits program. It is requested legislation be considered that would increase the state's contribution so that the historical level of support for these groups can be maintained.

Best wishes in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

KENNY C. GUINN

Governor

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On July 30, 2002, during a hearing in the Senate, there was favorable discussion that the several liability standard in medical malpractice cases should be extended to mid-wives and nurse anesthetists when non-economic damages are considered. In light of this testimony, legislation may be considered regarding this issue.

Best wishes in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

KENNY C. GUINN

Governor