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The Librarians Guide to the Legislature
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Overview

- Government Structure in Nevada
- How a Bill Becomes a Law in Nevada
- How to Look up a Bill
- Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS)
THE THREE BRANCHES OF NEVADA STATE GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Creates the law
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

EXECUTIVE BRANCH
Enforces the law
Nevada Capitol
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

JUDICIAL BRANCH
Interprets the law
Nevada Supreme Court
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HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN NEVADA: A SUMMARY

1. Bill is introduced in Senate or Assembly
2. Discuss, recommend to amend, and vote on bill
3. Back to house floor
4. Debate, amend, and vote on bill
5. Bill is transferred to second house where process repeats
6. If bill passes in second house without being amended, it is transmitted back to house of origin for enrollment*
7. Enrolled bill sent to governor, who has 5 days if in session and 10 days if not in session to
8. Sign and approve bill
9. Take no action on bill
10. Veto bill
   - 8. Veto bill
   - 9. Back to house of origin for possible vote to override veto
   - 10. Overriding veto requires 2/3 majority from both houses

*If bill is amended in second house and both houses cannot agree on amendment, a conference committee is called to resolve issues where both houses must accept committee’s report before bill can be enrolled.
How to Look up a Bill

- With a Bill Number
- Without a Bill Number
- Using the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)
Nevada lawmakers consider $12 minimum wage

Associated Press  Published 8:27 p.m. PT March 26, 2019 | Updated 8:27 p.m. PT March 26, 2019

A new bill in the Nevada Legislature aims to raise the state's minimum wage.

Legislation introduced Monday would increase the minimum wage to $12 an hour for workers that are not offered health insurance. The minimum wage under the bill would rise to $11 an hour for workers that are offered health insurance.

The measure is a legislative priority for Democrats, who hold a majority in the state Senate and a super majority in the Assembly. The current minimum wage is $7.25 an hour for workers who have been offered health benefits and $8.25 per hour for all other employees.

The legislation stipulates that minimum hourly pay would gradually increase until it reaches the new minimum wage levels outlined in the bill.
How to Look up a Bill with a Bill Number
Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS)

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019
Additional Resources

The Guide to the Nevada Legislature
2019-2020

LEGISLATIVE MANUAL
State of Nevada
EIGHTIETH SESSION
of the
NEVADA LEGISLATURE
CARSON CITY

Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau
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Carson City, NV  89521

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