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the Division was punishable as a misdemeanor.⁵ Chapter 390 increases the penalty by providing that an offender who wilfully abuses a client is chargeable with a gross misdemeanor.⁶ If, however, the abuse results in substantial bodily harm to the client, the offender may be punished by imprisonment for not less than one or more than six years, by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by both a fine and imprisonment.⁷

5. 1975 Nev. Stat. c. 745, §57, at 1599 (amending NEV. REV. STAT. §433.554).

6. See NEV. REV. STAT. §433.554(2) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 390, 1(2), at 933).

7. See *id.*

Health and Welfare; the mentally retarded

NEV. REV. STAT. §278.— (new).

AB 34 (Committee on Health and Welfare); 1983 STAT. Ch 61

Existing law provides that the governing bodies of cities, counties, or regions may designate zoning districts and regulate the construction and use of buildings and land in each district.¹ Chapter 61 removes obstacles imposed by zoning ordinances that prevent mentally retarded persons from living in normal residences.² Any ordinance using the term "single-family residence" must now include within that definition a home in which six or fewer unrelated mentally retarded persons live with one or two other related or unrelated persons who act as house parents or guardians.³ Governing bodies remain free to regulate homes that are operated on a commercial basis.⁴

1. NEV. REV. STAT. §278.250(1).

2. 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 61, §1(1), at 221.

3. *Id.* c. 61, §1(2), at 221. This provision does not prohibit a broader definition that allows more persons to reside in the home. *Id.* c. 61, §1(3), at 221.

4. *Id.* c. 61, §1(3), at 221.

Health and Welfare; transportation of livestock

NEV. REV. STAT. §565.080 (repealed); §§565.090, 571.210 (amended).

AB 149 (Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Agriculture); 1983 STAT. Ch 404

Under existing law, it is unlawful for any person to remove animals¹

1. NEV. REV. STAT. §565.010(1) (definition of animals).