

Senate Bill No. 27—Committee on  
Health and Human Services

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AN ACT relating to mental health; revising the definition of the term “mental illness” for purposes of provisions relating to criminal procedure, mental health and intellectual disabilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law defines the term “mental illness” for purposes of provisions relating to criminal procedure, mental health and intellectual disabilities to mean a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, memory or behavior which: (1) is listed in certain diagnostic manuals; and (2) seriously limits the capacity of a person to function in the primary aspects of daily living. (NRS 176A.045, 433.164, 435.007) This bill revises the definition to: (1) eliminate references to those diagnostic manuals; and (2) exclude certain other mental disorders that result in diminished capacity.

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

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

**Section 1.** NRS 433.164 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
433.164 “Mental illness” means a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, memory or behavior which ~~;~~

~~—1. Is listed in the most recent edition of the clinical manual of the International Classification of Diseases, ICD-9-CM, code range 295 to 302.9, inclusive, 306 to 309.9, inclusive, or 311 to 316, inclusive, or the corresponding code in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-IV, Axis I; and~~

~~—2. Seriously~~ *seriously* limits the capacity of a person to function in the primary aspects of daily living, including, without limitation, personal relations, living arrangements, employment and recreation. *The term does not include other mental disorders that result in diminished capacity, including, without limitation, epilepsy, intellectual disability, dementia, delirium, brief periods of intoxication caused by alcohol or drugs or dependence upon or addiction to alcohol or drugs.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.



