BACKGROUND

William Laborde introduced a new regulation relating to unlicensed practices. He felt this proposed language was in line to Senator Daly's suggestion to protect the public from unlicensed practices. The language was presented as a regulation or it can be submitted as a bill draft request for 2025. At the October 22, 2024 Legislative Regulations Committee meeting, it was suggested to meet with Senator Daly and seek his guidance on how to proceed with this language. Senator Daly offered his support to sponsor our bill draft request if the Board introduced language that related to unlicensed practices and not govern new entities.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new material; and matter between [red brackets with single strikethrough] is material to be omitted.

NAC 656.XXX Certificate or license required. (NRS 656.020)

- 1. A person or business entity may not perform or offer to perform the practice of court reporting if the person or business entity does not hold a current certificate or license in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- 2. It is unlawful for any uncertified person or unlicensed business entity to engage in, or attempt to engage in, the business of, act in the capacity of, advertise or assume to act as, a:
 - (a) certified court reporter; or
 - (b) court reporting firm.
- 3. For the purposes of this section, a person or business entity is considered to hold themselves out as engaged in the practice of court reporting if the person or business entity represents to persons that they are a certified court reporter or licensed court reporting firm. Such representation occurs with any written or verbal communication which represents the person or business entity to be a certified court reporter or court reporting firm or other similar title commonly understood to express expertise in the practice of court reporting.
- 4. Prior to the beginning of any deposition taken under these rules, the certified court reporter must display to all counsel initially present, and to each other person attending the deposition who is not represented by counsel, proof that the certified court reporter has been certified as required by this rule.
- 5. The Board, or any person designated by the Board, may proffer a complaint for a violation of this section before any court of competent jurisdiction and may assist in presenting the law or facts upon any trial for a violation of this section, and may take the necessary legal steps through the proper legal offices of this State to enforce the provisions thereof.
- 6. The district attorney of each county shall prosecute all violations of this section in their respective counties in which violations occur unless prosecuted by the Attorney General. Upon the request of the Board or any person designated by the Board, the Attorney General shall prosecute any violation of this section in lieu of the district attorney.