

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will prevent the development of a “superbug” – antibiotic resistant bacteria.

WHEREAS; At present, bacteria are evolving to become resistant to antibiotics due to the uniformed or careless consumption of antibiotics by patients; and

WHEREAS; The development of such a resistant “superbug” could result in a potentially fatal outbreak; and

WHEREAS; Bacteria that have developed a level of resistance and are difficult to treat already exist; and

WHEREAS; Patients are consuming antibiotics past the end of the original infection for which the antibiotics were prescribed; and

WHEREAS; Requiring pharmacists to provide an approved sheet of information along with the administered antibiotics describing the effects of antibiotics on bacterial evolution and the measures need to be taken to prevent resistance; and

WHEREAS; Patients are consuming previously acquired antibiotics in an attempt to treat non-bacterial infections, altering the naturally occurring bacteria in their bodies; and

WHEREAS; Patients are not disposing of extra medication after the infection is treated; and

WHEREAS; Requiring publically funded hospitals in the state of Nevada to provide patients with easy access to free disposal sites for left over antibiotics; and

WHEREAS; These two requirements will reduce the risk of the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria: therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on Friday, June 5, 2013, that the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to prevent the occurrence of an antibiotic resistant bacteria.