

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10

AN ACT that will raise taxes on alcohol by 3.25%, the revenue from which will be used to fund a trained mental health professional in all public high schools in the State of Nevada in order to prevent future mental health issues and suicide.

SECTION 1: In 2021, Nevada was ranked 51st for mental health (according to the Mental health America organization.) This ranking was based off of factors such as mental illness, thoughts of suicide, youth experiencing a depressive episode, and the available Mental health workforce.

SECTION 2: The United Health Foundations National report of 2021 found that a major health challenge for Nevada is the prevalence of frequent mental distress.

SECTION 3: Mental health among youth has become a major problem. In 2021, 11.8% of youth in Nevada experienced a severe depressive episode according to the Mental health America organization.

SECTION 4: Suicides, school shootings, and burnout are all related to poor mental health. Implementing this Act will prevent more of these events from occurring while students attend highschool, and as they move on into their careers.

SECTION 5: Having a mental health professional available in schools will allow struggling students to get confidential help and support.

SECTION 6: Schools may maintain their policies until 2025, when mental health professionals will be required in middle and high schools.

SECTION 7: This ACT will be effective upon final passage.