

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 18—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PREFILED JANUARY 7, 1999

(ON BEHALF OF STATE BAR OF NEVADA)

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to unauthorized practice of law. (BDR 1-24)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to the practice of law; revising certain provisions relating to the unauthorized practice of law; increasing the penalties for the unlawful practice of law; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 7.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 7.285 1. ~~{No}~~ **A** person shall ***not*** practice law in this state ~~{unless he~~
3 ~~is}~~ ***if the person:***
4 ***(a) Is not*** an active member of the State Bar of Nevada ***or otherwise***
5 ***authorized to practice law in this state*** pursuant to the rules of the supreme
6 court ~~{~~
7 ~~—2.— Any person who, not being an active member of the State Bar of~~
8 ~~Nevada, or who, after he} ; or~~
9 ***(b) Is suspended or*** has been disbarred ~~{or while suspended}~~ from
10 membership in the State Bar of Nevada ~~{, as provided in}~~ ***pursuant to*** the
11 rules of the supreme court ~~. {, shall practice law,}~~
12 ***2. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1*** is guilty of :
13 ***(a) For a first offense within the immediately preceding 7 years, a***
14 ***misdemeanor.***
15 ***(b) For a second offense within the immediately preceding 7 years, a***
16 ***gross*** ***misdemeanor.***

1 (c) *For a third and any subsequent offense within the immediately*
2 *preceding 7 years, a category E felony and shall be punished as provided*
3 *in NRS 193.130.*

4 3. *The State Bar of Nevada may bring a civil action to secure an*
5 *injunction and any other appropriate relief against a person who violates*
6 *this section.*

7 **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
8 that are committed before October 1, 1999.

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