ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 406—ASSEMBLYMEN HETTRICK, CEGAVSKE, ANDERSON, BACHE, TIFFANY, KOIVISTO, MCCLAIN, ANGLE, GUSTAVSON, CLABORN, MORTENSON, BEERS, NOLAN, BROWER, LESLIE, EVANS, PERKINS, HUMKE, BERMAN, COLLINS, THOMAS, LEE, DE BRAGA, NEIGHBORS, PARKS, VON TOBEL, SEGERBLOM, GOLDWATER, DINI, BUCKLEY, GIUNCHIGLIANI, ARBERRY, GIBBONS, CARPENTER AND MARVEL

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR JACOBSEN

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes justice of the peace and municipal judge to extend suspension of sentence if offender violates or fails to fulfill condition of suspension and offender is ordered to serve only part of sentence. (BDR 1-1120)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to criminal sentences; authorizing a justice of the peace and municipal judge to extend the suspension of a sentence if an offender violates or fails to fulfill a condition of suspension and the offender is ordered to serve only a part of the sentence; 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 4.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 4.373 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 $\frac{1}{11}$ or 5, by
- 3 specific statute or unless the suspension of a sentence is expressly
- 4 forbidden, a justice of the peace may suspend, for not more than 1 year, the
- 5 sentence of a person convicted of a misdemeanor. When the circumstances
- 6 warrant, the justice of the peace may order as a condition of suspension
- 7 that the offender:

- (a) Make restitution to the owner of any property that is lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of the commission of the offense;
- (b) Engage in a program of work for the benefit of the community, for not more than 200 hours;
- (c) Actively participate in a program of professional counseling at the expense of the offender;
 - (d) Abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances;
 - (e) Refrain from engaging in any criminal activity;

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- (f) Engage or refrain from engaging in any other conduct deemed appropriate by the justice of the peace;
- (g) Submit to a search and seizure by the chief of a department of alternative sentencing, an assistant alternative sentencing officer or any other law enforcement officer at any time of the day or night without a search warrant; and
- (h) Submit to periodic tests to determine whether the offender is using a controlled substance or consuming alcohol.
- If a person is convicted of a misdemeanor that constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018, the justice of the peace may, after the person has served any mandatory minimum period of confinement, suspend the remainder of the sentence of the person for not more than 3 years upon the condition that the person actively participate in:
- (a) A program of treatment for the abuse of alcohol or drugs which is certified by the bureau of alcohol and drug abuse of the rehabilitation division of the department of employment, training and rehabilitation;
- (b) A program for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence that has been certified pursuant to NRS 228.470; or 26
- (c) Both programs set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b), 27 and that he comply with any other condition of suspension ordered by the 28 29 justice of the peace.
 - The justice of the peace may order reports from a person whose sentence is suspended at such times as he deems appropriate concerning the compliance of the offender with the conditions of suspension. If the offender complies with the conditions of suspension to the satisfaction of the justice of the peace, the sentence may be reduced to not less than the minimum period of confinement established for the offense.
 - The justice of the peace may issue a warrant for the arrest of an offender who violates or fails to fulfill a condition of suspension.
- 38 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a person whose sentence is suspended violates or fails to fulfill a condition of the suspension, the justice of the peace may revoke the suspension of the sentence and cause all or part of the sentence to be executed. If the

person is ordered to serve only part of the sentence, the justice of the peace may suspend the remainder of the sentence for not more than 1 year after the date on which the person violated or failed to fulfill the condition of suspension.

- **Sec. 2.** NRS 5.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 5.055 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, by specific statute or unless the suspension of a sentence is expressly forbidden, a municipal judge may suspend, for not more than 1 year, the sentence of a person convicted of a misdemeanor. When the circumstances warrant, the municipal judge may order as a condition of suspension that the offender:
- (a) Make restitution to the owner of any property that is lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of the commission of the offense;
- (b) Engage in a program of work for the benefit of the community, for not more than 200 hours;
- (c) Actively participate in a program of professional counseling at the expense of the offender;
 - (d) Abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances;
 - (e) Refrain from engaging in any criminal activity;

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- (f) Engage or refrain from engaging in any other conduct deemed appropriate by the municipal judge;
- (g) Submit to a search and seizure by the chief of a department of alternative sentencing, an assistant alternative sentencing officer or any other law enforcement officer at any time of the day or night without a search warrant; and
- (h) Submit to periodic tests to determine whether the offender is using any controlled substance or alcohol.
- 2. If a person is convicted of a misdemeanor that constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018, the municipal judge may, after the person has served any mandatory minimum period of confinement, suspend the remainder of the sentence of the person for not more than 3 years upon the condition that the person actively participate in:
- (a) A program of treatment for the abuse of alcohol or drugs which is certified by the bureau of alcohol and drug abuse of the rehabilitation division of the department of employment, training and rehabilitation;
 - (b) A program for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence that has been certified pursuant to NRS 228.470; or
- 37 (c) Both programs set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b),
- and that he comply with any other condition of suspension ordered by the municipal judge.

- The municipal judge may order reports from a person whose sentence is suspended at such times as he deems appropriate concerning the compliance of the offender with the conditions of suspension. If the offender complies with the conditions of suspension to the satisfaction of the municipal judge, the sentence may be reduced to not less than the minimum period of confinement established for the offense.
- The municipal judge may issue a warrant for the arrest of an offender who violates or fails to fulfill a condition of suspension.

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- Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a person whose sentence is suspended violates or fails to fulfill a condition of the suspension, the municipal judge may revoke the suspension of the 12 sentence and cause all or part of the sentence to be executed. If the 13 person is ordered to serve only part of the sentence, the municipal judge 14 may suspend the remainder of the sentence for not more than 1 year after the date on which the person violated or failed to fulfill the condition of suspension.
- **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses 17 that were committed before October 1, 1999.