

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 42—ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER

PREFILED JANUARY 12, 1999

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study concerning misdemeanors.
(BDR S-173)

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 ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to crimes; directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning misdemeanors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, During the 1995 Legislative Session, legislation was enacted
2 to provide categories for felonies; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Revised Statutes currently has only two
4 categories of misdemeanors that are designated as misdemeanors and gross
5 misdemeanors; and

6 WHEREAS, A study needs to be conducted to determine whether
7 providing categories for misdemeanors and penalties commensurate with
8 those categories would provide more consistency in the criminal statutory
9 scheme; now, therefore,

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

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14 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a
15 subcommittee of legislators to conduct an interim study concerning
16 misdemeanors.

17 2. The study must include an analysis of:

18 (a) The existing statutes concerning misdemeanors to determine
19 whether it is feasible to categorize misdemeanors and provide penalties
20 commensurate with the categorization;

21 (b) Whether it is beneficial to amend the Nevada Revised Statutes to
22 categorize misdemeanors in such a manner;

- 1 (c) The effect that categorizing misdemeanors in such a manner would
2 have on the courts of this state, including, without limitation, any increase
3 in the volume of cases handled by the courts and any necessary changes to
4 the jurisdiction of the lower courts; and
5 (d) Any other matter related to misdemeanors, as deemed necessary by
6 the subcommittee.
- 7 3. The Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the results of
8 the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 71st session of
9 the Nevada Legislature.
- 10 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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