## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 498–ASSEMBLYMAN PRICE (BY REQUEST)

## MARCH 12, 1999

## Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing entertainment by referral services. (BDR 15-1516)

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 crimes; prohibiting certain acts concerning advertising of an entertainment by referral service that is operated by a person who is not licensed or otherwise authorized by the appropriate authority to operate the entertainment by referral service; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- Section 1. Chapter 207 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
- 2 a new section to read as follows:
- 3 1. A person who knowingly:
- (a) Prepares or prints an advertisement for;
- 5 (b) Advertises; or
- 6 (c) Allows, in his place of business, another person to advertise,
- 7 an entertainment by referral service that is operated by a person who is
- 8 not licensed or otherwise authorized by the appropriate authority to
- 9 operate the entertainment by referral service, is guilty of a misdemeanor
- and shall be punished as set forth in subsection 3.
- 11 2. Inclusion in any display, handbill or publication of the address,
- 12 location or telephone number of an entertainment by referral service or
- of identification of a means of transportation to such a service, or of
- 14 directions telling how to obtain any such information, constitutes prima
- 15 facie evidence of advertising for the purposes of this section.

- 3. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be punished:
- (a) For the first offense within the immediately preceding 3 years, by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.
- (b) For a second offense within the immediately preceding 3 years, by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, and by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000.
- (c) For a third or subsequent offense within the immediately preceding 3 years, by imprisonment in the county jail for 6 months, and by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000.

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- 4. As used in this section "entertainment by referral service" means a business that sends or refers a natural person to a hotel or motel room, 14 home or other accommodation for a fee in response to a request to 15 entertain the person located in the hotel or motel room, home or other accommodation.
- **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses 17 that were committed before October 1, 1999.