

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 543—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides that certain lawsuits against manufacturer or dealer of firearms or ammunition or trade association related to firearms or ammunition by governmental entity may be brought only by State of Nevada. (BDR 2-1648)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 firearms; providing that certain lawsuits against a manufacturer or dealer of firearms or ammunition or a trade association related to firearms or ammunition by a governmental entity may be brought only by the State of Nevada; 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.** Chapter 12 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the State of Nevada***
4 ***is the only governmental entity in this state that may commence a lawsuit***
5 ***against a manufacturer or distributor of a firearm or ammunition or a***
6 ***trade association related to firearms or ammunition for damages,***
7 ***abatement or injunctive relief resulting from or relating to the lawful***
8 ***design or manufacture of a firearm or ammunition or the marketing or***
9 ***sale of a firearm or ammunition to the public.***
10 ***2. The provisions of this section do not prohibit a county, city, local***
11 ***government or other political subdivision of this state or an agency***
12 ***thereof from commencing a lawsuit against a manufacturer or***
13 ***distributor of a firearm or ammunition for breach of contract or***
14 ***warranty concerning a firearm or ammunition purchased by the county,***
15 ***city, local government or other political subdivision of this state or***
16 ***agency thereof.***

- 1 **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act apply to a lawsuit that is
- 2 commenced on or after the effective date of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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