ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 621-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning central repository for Nevada records of criminal history. (BDR 14-545)

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 the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history; requiring certain agencies of criminal justice to submit various records to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history; authorizing the central repository to disseminate information contained in the central repository by electronic means; revising the provisions concerning the unlawful possession and use of certain records; 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 179A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- In the time and manner prescribed by the director of the
 department and in addition to the information collected pursuant to NRS
- 5 179A.075, each law enforcement agency shall collect and submit to the
- 6 central repository a record of each:
- (a) Applicant for the issuance or renewal of an occupational license or permit who the law enforcement agency investigates on behalf of a licensing board or other licensing authority;
- 10 (b) Motor vehicle that is towed at the direction of the law enforcement 11 agency; and
- 12 (c) Suspect, witness or victim of a crime who the law enforcement 13 agency has contacted during its investigation of the crime.
- 2. An agency of criminal justice that receives the information set
- 15 forth in subsection 1 from the central repository shall maintain the

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confidentiality of any such information declared confidential by specific
   statute.
     3. As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" means:
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     (a) The Nevada highway patrol division of the department;
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     (b) The sheriff's office of a county;
     (c) A metropolitan police department; or
     (d) A police department of an incorporated city.
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     Sec. 2. NRS 179A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:
                      "Record of criminal history" means information
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   justice, the subject of which is a natural person, consisting of descriptions
   which identify the subject and notations of summons in a criminal action,
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   warrants, arrests, [detention,] citations for misdemeanors issued pursuant
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   to NRS 171.1773, detentions, decisions of a district attorney or the
   attorney general not to prosecute the subject, indictments, informations or
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   other formal criminal charges and dispositions of charges, including,
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   without limitation, dismissals, acquittals, temporary and extended orders
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   for protection described in NRS 179A.350, convictions, sentences,
   information set forth in section 12 of this act concerning an offender in
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   Nevada, information concerning the status of an offender on parole or
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   registered as such pursuant to chapter 179C of NRS. The term includes
   only information contained in [memoranda] a record, maintained in
   written or electronic form, of a formal [transactions] transaction between
   a person and an agency of criminal justice in this state. [The term is
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   intended to be equivalent to the phrase "criminal history record
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   information" as used in federal regulations.]
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         "Record of criminal history" does not include:
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     (a) Investigative or intelligence information, reports of crime or other
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   information concerning specific persons collected in the course of the
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     (b) Information concerning juveniles; [-]
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     (c) Posters, announcements or lists intended to identify fugitives or
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wanted persons and aid in their apprehension;

(d) Original records of entry maintained by agencies of criminal justice if the records are chronological and not cross-indexed; [in any other way.]

38 (e) Records of application for and issuance, suspension, revocation or renewal of occupational licenses, including, without limitation, permits to work in the gaming industry [.

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- (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, court indices and records of public judicial proceedings, court decisions and opinions, and information disclosed during public judicial proceedings;
 - (g) Records of traffic violations constituting misdemeanors;
- (h) Records of traffic offenses maintained by the department to regulate the issuance, suspension, revocation or renewal of drivers' or other operators' licenses; [.]
- (i) Announcements of actions by the state board of pardons commissioners and the state board of parole commissioners, except information concerning the status of an offender on parole or probation [.]; or
- 12 (j) Records which originated in an agency other than an agency of criminal justice in this state.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 179A.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 179A.075 1. The central repository for Nevada records of criminal history is hereby created within the Nevada highway patrol division of the department.
 - 2. Each agency of criminal justice and any other agency dealing with crime or delinquency of children shall:
 - (a) Collect and maintain records, reports and compilations of statistical data required by the department; and
- (b) Submit the information collected to the central repository in the manner recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the director of the department.
 - 3. Each agency of criminal justice shall submit the information relating to sexual offenses and other records of criminal history it collects, and any information in its possession relating to the genetic markers of the blood and the secretor status of the saliva of a person who is convicted of sexual assault or any other sexual offense, to the division in the manner prescribed by the director of the department. [A report of disposition] *The information* must be submitted to the division:
 - (a) Through an electronic network;

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- (b) On a medium of magnetic storage; or
- (c) In the manner prescribed by the director of the department, within [30 days after the date of disposition.] the period prescribed by the director of the department. If an agency has submitted a record regarding the arrest of a person who is later determined by the agency not to be the person who committed the particular crime, the agency shall, immediately upon making that determination, so notify the division. The division shall delete all references in the central repository relating to that particular arrest.
- 42 4. The division shall:

- (a) Collect, maintain and arrange all information submitted to it frelating to:
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- (2) Relating to genetic markers of the blood and the secretor status of the saliva of a person who is convicted of sexual assault or any other sexual offense —
- (b) Use]; and
 - (3) Pursuant to section 1 of this act and NRS 440.430.
- (b) When practicable, use a record of the [subject's] fingerprints and 13 other forms of identification of the subject involving biometrics, including, without limitation, his voiceprint, iris image and retina image as the basis for any records maintained regarding him.
 - (c) Upon request during a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to NRS 414.070, provide the information that is contained in the central repository to the state disaster identification team of the division of emergency management of the department of motor vehicles and public safety.
 - The division may: 5.
 - (a) Disseminate any information which is contained in the central repository to any other agency of criminal justice;
 - (b) Enter into cooperative agreements with federal and state repositories to facilitate exchanges of such information; and
 - (c) Request of and receive from the Federal Bureau of Investigation information on the background and personal history of any person:
 - (1) Who has applied to any agency of the state State of Nevada or any political subdivision *thereof* for a license which it has the power to grant or deny;
 - (2) With whom any agency of the [state] State of Nevada or any political subdivision *thereof* intends to enter into a relationship of employment or a contract for personal services;
 - (3) About whom any agency of the **[state]** State of Nevada or any political subdivision *thereof* has a legitimate need to have accurate personal information for the protection of the agency or the persons within its jurisdiction; or
- (4) For whom such information is required to be obtained pursuant to 38 NRS 449.179. 39
 - 6. The central repository shall:
- (a) Collect and maintain records, reports and compilations of statistical 41 2. data submitted by any agency pursuant subsection

- (b) Tabulate and analyze all records, reports and compilations of statistical data received pursuant to this section.
- (c) Disseminate to federal agencies engaged in the collection of statistical data relating to crime information which is contained in the central repository [.], other than any confidential information described in section 1 of this act.
 - (d) Investigate the criminal history of any person who:
- (1) Has applied to the superintendent of public instruction for a license;
 - (2) Has applied to a county school district for employment; or
- (3) Is employed by a county school district,

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- and notify the superintendent of each county school district and the superintendent of public instruction if the investigation of the central repository indicates that the person has been convicted of a violation of NRS 200.508, 201.230, 453.3385, 453.339 or 453.3395, or convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude.
- (e) Upon discovery, notify the superintendent of each county school district by providing him with a list of all persons:
 - (1) Investigated pursuant to paragraph (d); or
- (2) Employed by a county school district whose fingerprints were sent previously to the central repository for investigation, who the central repository's records indicate have been convicted of a violation of NRS 200.508, 201.230, 453.3385, 453.339 or 453.3395, or convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude since the central repository's initial investigation. The superintendent of each county school district shall determine whether further investigation or action by the district is appropriate.
- (f) Investigate the criminal history of each person who submits fingerprints or has his fingerprints submitted pursuant to NRS 449.176 or 449.179.
- (g) On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and present to the governor a printed annual report containing the statistical data relating to crime received during the preceding calendar year. Additional reports may be presented to the governor throughout the year regarding specific areas of crime if they are recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the director of the department.
- (h) On or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year, prepare and submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau, for submission to the legislature, a report containing statistical data about domestic violence in this state.
- 41 (i) Identify and review the collection and processing of statistical data 42 relating to criminal justice and *the* delinquency of children by any agency 43 identified in subsection 2, and make recommendations for any necessary

changes in the manner of collecting and processing statistical data by any such agency.

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- (a) At the recommendation of the advisory committee and in the manner prescribed by the director of the department, disseminate compilations of statistical data and publish statistical reports relating to crime or *the* delinquency of children.
- (b) Charge a reasonable fee for any publication or special report it distributes relating to data collected pursuant to this section. The central repository may not collect such a fee from an agency of criminal justice, any other agency dealing with crime or *the* delinquency of children which is required to submit information pursuant to subsection 2 or the state disaster identification team of the division of emergency management of the department of motor vehicles and public safety. All money collected pursuant to this paragraph must be used to pay for the cost of operating the central repository.
- (c) In the manner prescribed by the director of the department, use electronic means to disseminate information contained in the central repository that it is authorized to disseminate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
- 8. As used in this section, "advisory committee" means the committee established by the director of the department pursuant to NRS 179A.078.
 - **Sec. 4.** NRS 179A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 24 179A.080 The director of the department is responsible for 25 administering this chapter and may adopt regulations for that purpose. The 26 director shall:
 - 1. Adopt regulations for the security of the central repository so that it is adequately protected from fire, theft, loss, destruction, other hazards and unauthorized access.
 - 2. Adopt regulations and standards for personnel employed by agencies of criminal justice in positions of responsibility for maintenance and dissemination of information relating to sexual offenses, [and] other records of criminal history [...] and records described in section 1 of this act and NRS 440.430.
- 35 3. Provide for audits of informational systems by qualified public or private agencies, organizations or persons.
 - **Sec. 5.** NRS 179A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 179A.100 1. The following records of criminal history may be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice without any restriction pursuant to this chapter:
 - (a) Any which reflect records of conviction only; and
- 42 (b) Any which pertain to an incident for which a person is currently 43 within the system of criminal justice, including parole or probation.

- 2. Without any restriction pursuant to this chapter, a record of criminal history or the absence of such a record may be:
- (a) Disclosed among agencies which maintain a system for the mutual exchange of criminal records.
 - (b) Furnished by one agency to another to administer the system of criminal justice, including, *without limitation*, the furnishing of information by a police department to a district attorney ... or court.
 - (c) Reported to the central repository.
- 3. An agency of criminal justice shall disseminate to a prospective employer, upon request, records of criminal history concerning a prospective employee or volunteer which:
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- (b) Pertain to an incident for which the prospective employee or volunteer is currently within the system of criminal justice, including parole or probation.
- 4. The central repository shall disseminate to a prospective or current employer, upon request, information relating to sexual offenses concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer who gives his written consent to the release of that information.
- 5. Records of criminal history must be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice upon request, to the following persons or governmental entities:
- 23 (a) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal history for the purposes of NRS 179A.150.
 - (b) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal history or his attorney of record when the subject is a party in a judicial, administrative, licensing, disciplinary or other proceeding to which the information is relevant.
 - (c) The state gaming control board.
 - (d) The state board of nursing.
- (e) The private investigator's licensing board to investigate an applicant for a license.
- 33 (f) A public administrator to carry out his duties as prescribed in chapter 34 253 of NRS.
 - (g) A public guardian to investigate a ward or proposed ward or persons who may have knowledge of assets belonging to a ward or proposed ward.
- 37 (h) Any agency of criminal justice of the United States or of another state or the District of Columbia.
- 39 (i) Any public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the public utilities 40 commission of Nevada when the information is necessary to conduct a 41 security investigation of an employee or prospective employee, or to

protect the public health, safety or welfare.

- (j) Persons and agencies authorized by statute, ordinance, executive order, court rule, court decision or court order as construed by appropriate state or local officers or agencies.
- (k) Any person or governmental entity which has entered into a contract to provide services to an agency of criminal justice relating to the administration of criminal justice, if authorized by the contract, and if the contract also specifies that the information will be used only for stated purposes and that it will be otherwise confidential in accordance with state and federal law and regulation.
- (l) Any reporter for the electronic or printed media in his professional capacity for communication to the public.

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- (m) Prospective employers if the person who is the subject of the information has given written consent to the release of that information by the agency which maintains it.
- (n) For the express purpose of research, evaluative or statistical programs pursuant to an agreement with an agency of criminal justice.
- (o) The division of child and family services of the department of human resources and any county agency that is operated pursuant to NRS 432B.325 or authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction to receive and investigate reports of abuse or neglect of children and which provides or arranges for protective services for such children.
- (p) The welfare division of the department of human resources or its designated representative.
- (q) An agency of this or any other state or the Federal Government that is conducting activities pursuant to Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act, [4] 42 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq. [].
- (r) The state disaster identification team of the division of emergency management of the department of motor vehicles and public safety during a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to NRS 414.070.
- 6. Agencies of criminal justice in this state which receive information from sources outside this state concerning transactions involving criminal justice which occur outside Nevada shall treat the information as confidentially as is required by the provisions of this chapter.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 179A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 179A.130 Each agency of criminal justice which maintains and disseminates information relating to sexual offenses, [or] other records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS

 440.430 must maintain a log of each dissemination of that information other than a dissemination of the fact that the agency has no record relating
- to a certain person. The log must be maintained for at least 1 year after the information is disseminated, and must contain:

- An entry showing to what agency or person the information relating to sexual offenses, [or] other records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 were provided;
 - The date on which the information was provided:
 - 3. The person who is the subject of the information; and
 - A brief description of the information provided.

- **Sec. 7.** NRS 179A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 7 179A.140 1. An agency of criminal justice may charge a reasonable 8 fee for information relating to sexual offenses, for other records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 10 440.430 furnished to any person or governmental entity except another 11 agency of criminal justice and the state disaster identification team of the 12 division of emergency management of the department of motor vehicles 13 and public safety. The central repository shall not charge such a fee for
- information relating to a person regarding whom the central repository 15 furnished a similar report within the immediately preceding 6 months in conjunction with the application by that person for professional licensure. 17
- All money received or collected by the department pursuant to this 18 section must be used to defray the cost of operating the central repository. 19
 - NRS 179A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 8.
- 1. [The] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 21 the central repository and each state, municipal, county or metropolitan police agency shall **permit** allow a person, who is or believes he may be the subject of information relating to sexual offenses, for other records of
- criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 that are maintained by that agency, to appear in person during 26
- normal business hours of the agency and inspect any recorded information 27
 - held by that agency pertaining to him. This right of access does not extend
- to data contained in intelligence, investigative or other related files, and
- does not include any information other than that defined as information 30
- relating to sexual offenses or a record of criminal history : or that 31 32 described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430.
- Each such agency shall adopt regulations and make available 33 34 necessary forms to **[permit]** allow inspection and review of information relating to sexual offenses, [or] other records of criminal history or 35
- records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 by those persons 36
- who are the subjects thereof. The regulations must specify: 37
- 38 (a) The reasonable periods during which the records are available for 39
- (b) The requirements for proper identification of the persons seeking 40 access to the records: and 41
- (c) The reasonable charges or fees, if any, for inspecting 42

- Each such agency shall procure for and furnish to any person who requests it and pays a reasonable fee therefor, all of the information contained in the central repository which pertains to the person making the request.
 - 4. The director of the department shall adopt regulations governing:
- (a) All challenges to the accuracy or sufficiency of information relating to sexual offenses, or records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 by the person who is the subject of the allegedly inaccurate or insufficient record;
- (b) The correction of any information relating to sexual offenses [or other records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 found by the director to be inaccurate, insufficient or incomplete in any material respect;
- (c) The dissemination of corrected information to those persons or agencies which have previously received inaccurate or incomplete information: and
- (d) A time limit of not more than 90 days within which inaccurate or insufficient information relating to sexual offenses, for other records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 must be corrected and the corrected information disseminated. The corrected information must be sent to each person who requested the information in the 12 months preceding the date on which the correction was made, and notice of the correction must be sent to each person entitled thereto pursuant to NRS 179A.210, to the address given by each person who requested the information when the request was madel.
- **Sec. 9.** NRS 179A.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 27 179A.900 Any person who [:

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- 28 1. Willfully requests, obtains or knowingly:
 - **Requests**, obtains, seeks to obtain or disseminates records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 under false pretenses;
 - 2. [Willfully communicates] Communicates or seeks to communicate records of criminal history or records described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430 to any agency or person except pursuant to this chapter; or
- 3. [Willfully falsifies any] Falsifies a record of criminal history or any 35 record relating to records of criminal history : or a record described in section 1 of this act or NRS 440.430, 37 is guilty of a misdemeanor. 38
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 202.366 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- Upon receipt by a sheriff of an application for a permit, 40 the sheriff shall conduct an investigation of the applicant to determine if he
- is eligible for a permit. In conducting the investigation, the sheriff shall
- forward a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints to the *central*

repository for Nevada [highway patrol division of the department] records of criminal history and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report concerning the criminal history of the applicant. The sheriff shall issue a permit to the applicant unless he is not qualified to possess a handgun [under] pursuant to state or federal law or is not otherwise qualified to obtain a permit pursuant to NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

2. To assist the sheriff in conducting his investigation, any local law enforcement agency, including the sheriff of any county, may voluntarily submit to the sheriff a report or other information concerning the criminal history of an applicant.

3. Within 120 days after a complete application for a permit is submitted, the sheriff to whom the application is submitted shall grant or deny the application. If the application is denied, the sheriff shall send the applicant written notification setting forth the reasons for the denial. If the application is granted, the sheriff shall provide the applicant with a permit containing a colored photograph of the applicant and containing such other information as may be prescribed by the department. The permit must be in substantially the following form:

NEVADA CONCEALED FIREARM PERMIT

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4. Unless suspended or revoked by the sheriff who issued the permit, a permit expires on the fifth anniversary of the permittee's birthday, measured from the birthday nearest the date of issuance or renewal. If the date of birth of a permittee is on February 29 in a leap year, for the purposes of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, his date of birth shall be deemed to be on February 28.

Sec. 11. NRS 202.3687 is hereby amended to read as follows: 202.3687 1. The provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, do not prohibit a sheriff from issuing a temporary permit to carry a

concealed firearm. A temporary permit may include, but is not limited to, provisions specifying the period for which the permit is valid.

- Each sheriff who issues a permit pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, shall [, upon request by the department,] provide such information concerning the permit and the person to whom it is issued fas is deemed necessary by the department for inclusion in to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history.
- **Sec. 12.** Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The department shall collect and submit to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history a record of:

- The name of each offender serving a term of imprisonment in an institution or facility of the department;
- The length of the term of imprisonment of the offender, including, without limitation, the number of days served during a period of pretrial detention, if any; and
 - The date of admission of the offender.
 - **Sec. 13.** NRS 440.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 18 Any coroner whose duty it is to hold an inquest on the 19 body of any deceased person, and to make the certificate of death required for a burial permit, shall state in his certificate the name of the disease causing death, or, if from external causes: 22
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- (b) Whether (probably) accidental, suicidal or homicidal.
- In either case, the coroner shall furnish such information as may be required by the board in order to classify the death properly.
- A coroner who makes a certificate of death shall collect and 27 28 submit a record of the certificate to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history in the time and manner prescribed by the director of the department of motor vehicles and public safety. 30
- **Sec. 14.** The amendatory provisions of section 9 of this act do not 31 apply to offenses committed before the effective date of this act. 32
- **Sec. 15.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. 33