

SENATE BILL NO. 297—SENATOR TITUS

MARCH 3, 1999

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits hazing at colleges and universities in this state. (BDR 15-712)

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 hazing at colleges and universities in this state; 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:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 200 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
- 2 new section to read as follows:
- 3 ***1. A person who engages or conspires to engage in hazing is guilty***
- 4 ***of:***
- 5 ***(a) A misdemeanor, if no substantial bodily harm results.***
- 6 ***(b) A gross misdemeanor, if substantial bodily harm results.***
- 7 ***2. Consent of a victim of hazing is not a valid defense to a***
- 8 ***prosecution conducted pursuant to this section.***
- 9 ***3. As used in this section, “hazing” means any method of initiation***
- 10 ***into a student organization at a college or university in this state or any***
- 11 ***other conduct engaged in by a member of a student organization at a***
- 12 ***college or university in this state that intentionally or recklessly***
- 13 ***endangers the mental or physical health of another person. The term***
- 14 ***includes, without limitation:***
- 15 ***(a) Any physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, branding,***
- 16 ***forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of***
- 17 ***food, liquor, drugs or other substances, or any other brutal treatment or***
- 18 ***forced physical activity that is likely to adversely affect the physical***
- 19 ***health of the person; and***

1 ***(b) Any activity that subjects the person to extreme mental stress, such***
2 ***as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct***
3 ***that is likely to result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced***
4 ***activity that is likely to adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the***
5 ***person.***

6 **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
7 that were committed before October 1, 1999.

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