

Senate Bill No. 297–Senator Titus

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to crimes; prohibiting hazing at high schools, 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:

Section 1. Chapter 200 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. A person who engages in hazing is guilty of:*
 - (a) A misdemeanor, if no substantial bodily harm results.*
 - (b) A gross misdemeanor, if substantial bodily harm results.*
- 2. Consent of a victim of hazing is not a valid defense to a prosecution conducted pursuant to this section.*
- 3. For the purposes of this section, an activity shall be deemed to be “forced” if initiation into or affiliation with a student organization, academic association or athletic team is directly or indirectly conditioned upon participation in the activity.*
- 4. As used in this section, “hazing” means an activity in which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical health of another person for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with a student organization, academic association or athletic team at a high school, college or university in this state. The term:*
 - (a) Includes, without limitation, any physical brutality or brutal treatment, including, without limitation, whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements or forced consumption of food, liquor, drugs or other substances.*
 - (b) Does not include any athletic, curricular, extracurricular or quasi-military practice, conditioning or competition that is sponsored or approved by the high school, college or university.*

Sec. 2. The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses that were committed before the effective date of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.