

SENATE BILL NO. 297—SENATOR TITUS

MARCH 3, 1999

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits hazing at high schools, 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 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,

- 1 *forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements or forced consumption of*
2 *food, liquor, drugs or other substances.*
3 *(b) Does not include any athletic, curricular, extracurricular or quasi-*
4 *military practice, conditioning or competition that is sponsored or*
5 *approved by the high school, college or university.*
6 **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
7 that were committed before the effective date of this act.
8 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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