

SENATE BILL NO. 69—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions concerning identity fraud, false status and unlawful use of personal identifying information of another person. (BDR 15-334)

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 crimes against property; prohibiting a person from obtaining any personal identifying information of another person and using the information to harm that other person or for any unlawful purpose; making various changes to provisions concerning identity fraud and false status; providing penalties; 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.** NRS 199.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     199.480   1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, whenever  
3     two or more persons conspire to commit murder, robbery, sexual assault,  
4     kidnaping in the first or second degree, ~~or~~ arson in the first or second  
5     degree, ***or a violation of section 2 of this act***, each person is guilty of a  
6     category B felony and shall be punished:  
7     (a) If the conspiracy was to commit robbery, sexual assault, kidnaping in  
8     the first or second degree, ~~or~~ arson in the first or second degree, ***or a***  
9     ***violation of section 2 of this act***, by imprisonment in the state prison for a  
10    minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more  
11    than 6 years; or  
12    (b) If the conspiracy was to commit murder, by imprisonment in the  
13    state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum  
14    term of not more than 10 years,  
15    and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

1     2. If the conspiracy subjects the conspirators to criminal liability under  
2 NRS 207.400, they shall be punished in the manner provided in NRS  
3 207.400.

4     3. Whenever two or more persons conspire:

5     (a) To commit any crime other than those set forth in subsections 1 and  
6 2, and no punishment is otherwise prescribed by law;

7     (b) Falsely and maliciously to procure another to be arrested or  
8 proceeded against for a crime;

9     (c) Falsely to institute or maintain any action or proceeding;

10    (d) To cheat or defraud another out of any property by unlawful or  
11 fraudulent means;

12    (e) To prevent another from exercising any lawful trade or calling, or  
13 from doing any other lawful act, by force, threats or intimidation, or by  
14 interfering or threatening to interfere with any tools, implements or  
15 property belonging to or used by another, or with the use or employment  
16 thereof;

17    (f) To commit any act injurious to the public health, public morals, trade  
18 or commerce, or for the perversion or corruption of public justice or the  
19 due administration of the law; or

20    (g) To accomplish any criminal or unlawful purpose, or to accomplish  
21 a purpose, not in itself criminal or unlawful, by criminal or unlawful  
22 means,

23 each person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

24     **Sec. 2.** Chapter 205 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
25 new section to read as follows:

26     **1. A person who knowingly:**

27     **(a) Obtains any personal identifying information of another person;**  
28 **and**

29     **(b) Uses the personal identifying information to harm that other**  
30 **person or for any unlawful purpose, including, without limitation, to**  
31 **obtain credit, a good, a service or anything of value in the name of that**  
32 **person,**  
33 **is guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in**  
34 **the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a**  
35 **maximum term of not more than 20 years, and may be further punished**  
36 **by a fine of not more than \$100,000.**

37     **2. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order a person**  
38 **convicted of violating subsection 1 to pay restitution, including, without**  
39 **limitation, any attorney's fees and costs incurred to:**

40     **(a) Repair the credit history or rating of the person whose personal**  
41 **identifying information he obtained and used in violation of subsection**  
42 **1; and**

1     ***(b) Satisfy a debt, lien or other obligation incurred by the person***  
2     ***whose personal identifying information he obtained and used in violation***  
3     ***of subsection 1.***

4     ***3. As used in this section, “personal identifying information” has the***  
5     ***meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.465.***

6     **Sec. 3.** NRS 205.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7     205.450 Every person who shall falsely represent or personate another,  
8     and, in such assumed character, shall marry another, become bail or surety  
9     for any party, in any proceeding, civil or criminal, before any court or  
10    officer authorized to take such bail or surety, or confess any judgment, or  
11    acknowledge the execution of any conveyance of real property, or of any  
12    other instrument which, by law, may be recorded, or do any other act in the  
13    course of any suit, proceeding or prosecution, whereby the person so  
14    represented or personated may be made liable, in any event, to the payment  
15    of any debt, damages, cost or sum of money, or his right or interest may, in  
16    any manner be affected, ~~{shall be}~~ **is guilty of a ~~{misdemeanor.}~~ category C**  
17    ***felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.***

18    **Sec. 4.** NRS 205.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19    205.455 ~~{Every}~~ ***Unless a greater penalty is provided pursuant to***  
20    ***section 2 of this act, a*** person who falsely represents or personates another,  
21    and, in such assumed character, receives any money or valuable property of  
22    any description intended to be delivered to the person so personated, shall  
23    be punished in the same manner and to the same extent as ~~{for feloniously~~  
24    ~~*stealing*~~ ***if he stole*** the money or property so received.

25    **Sec. 5.** NRS 205.465 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26    205.465 1. It is unlawful for a person to possess, sell or transfer any  
27    document ***or personal identifying information*** for the purpose of  
28    establishing a false status, occupation, membership, license or identity for  
29    himself or any other person.

30    2. A person who ~~{sells}~~ :

31    ***(a) Sells or transfers any such document or personal identifying***  
32    ***information in violation of subsection 1; or***

33    ***(b) Possesses any such document or personal identifying information***  
34    ***in violation of subsection 1 to commit any of the crimes set forth in NRS***  
35    ***205.085 to 205.217, inclusive, 205.473 to 205.491, inclusive, or 205.610***  
36    ***to 205.810, inclusive,***

37    is guilty of a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS  
38    193.130. ~~{A}~~

39    ***3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a*** person who  
40    possesses any such document ***or personal identifying information in***  
41    ***violation of subsection 1*** is guilty of a misdemeanor.

~~[3.]~~ **4.** Subsection 1 does not:

(a) Preclude the adoption by a city or county of an ordinance prohibiting the possession of any such document ~~[.]~~ **or personal identifying information; or**

(b) Prohibit the possession or use of ~~[those documents]~~ **any such document or personal identifying information** by officers of local police, sheriff and metropolitan police departments and by agents of the investigation division of the department of motor vehicles and public safety while engaged in undercover investigations ~~[relating to narcotics or prostitution.]~~ **related to the lawful discharge of their duties.**

**5. As used in this section:**

(a) **“Document” includes, without limitation, a photocopy print, photostat and other replica of a document.**

(b) **“Personal identifying information” means any information designed, commonly used or capable of being used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a person, including, without limitation:**

(1) **The name, driver’s license number, social security number, savings account number, credit card number, date of birth, place of employment and maiden name of the mother of a person; and**

(2) **The fingerprints, voiceprint, retina image and iris image of a person.**

**Sec. 6.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses that are committed before the effective date of this act.

**Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.