

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 240—ASSEMBLYMEN ANGLE, PRICE, GIBBONS,  
HETTRICK, HUMKE, TIFFANY AND VON TOBEL

FEBRUARY 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing unauthorized practice of law. (BDR 1-92)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
Effect on the State: 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 practice of law; revising the provisions governing the unauthorized practice of law; 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 7.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     7.285 1. A person shall not practice law in this state , *use any name,*  
3     *title or description which indicates that he is currently authorized to*  
4     *practice law in this state, represent himself in any manner as an attorney*  
5     *and counselor, attorney at law or lawyer, or appear before a court,*  
6     *magistrate, arbitrator or other tribunal in this state on behalf of another*  
7     *person,* if the person:  
8         (a) Is not an active member of the State Bar of Nevada or otherwise  
9         authorized to practice law in this state pursuant to the rules of the supreme  
10        court; or  
11        (b) Is suspended or has been disbarred from membership in the State  
12        Bar of Nevada pursuant to the rules of the supreme court.  
13     2. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1 is guilty of:  
14        (a) For a first offense within the immediately preceding 7 years, a  
15        misdemeanor.  
16        (b) For a second offense within the immediately preceding 7 years, a  
17        gross misdemeanor.  
18        (c) For a third and any subsequent offense within the immediately  
19        preceding 7 years, a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in  
20        NRS 193.130.



1 3. The State Bar of Nevada may bring a civil action to secure an  
2 injunction and any other appropriate relief against a person who violates  
3 this section.

4 **Sec. 2.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the  
5 amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses committed  
6 before October 1, 2001.

7 2. The amendatory provisions of this act apply to offenses committed  
8 before October 1, 2001, for the purpose of determining whether a person is  
9 subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 2 of  
10 NRS 7.285, as amended by this act.

