

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54—ASSEMBLYMAN ANDERSON

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to time within which prosecution for certain felonies must be commenced and certain provisions concerning genetic marker testing. (BDR 14-296)

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 criminal procedure; revising the provisions relating to the time within which a prosecution for kidnapping, attempted murder or certain aggravated stalking offenses must be commenced; revising certain provisions concerning genetic marker testing to refer to obtaining a “biological specimen”; providing for genetic marker testing of certain persons who reside in this state and who are convicted of certain crimes in other states; 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. NRS 171.083 is hereby amended to read as follows:

171.083 1. If, at any time during the period of limitation prescribed in NRS 171.085 and 171.095, a victim of a sexual assault , *kidnapping, attempted murder or felony aggravated stalking*, or a person authorized to act on behalf of *such* a victim , ~~[of a sexual assault]~~ files with a law enforcement officer a written report concerning the ~~[sexual assault]~~ *offense*, the period of limitation prescribed in NRS 171.085 and 171.095 is removed and there is no limitation of the time within which a prosecution for the ~~[sexual assault]~~ *offense* must be commenced.

2. If a written report is filed with a law enforcement officer pursuant to subsection 1, the law enforcement officer shall provide a copy of the written report to the victim or the person authorized to act on behalf of the victim.

3. If a victim of a sexual assault , *kidnapping, attempted murder or felony aggravated stalking* is under a disability during any part of the period of limitation prescribed in NRS 171.085 and 171.095 and a written report concerning the ~~[sexual assault]~~ *offense* is not otherwise filed

pursuant to subsection 1, the period during which the victim is under the disability must be excluded from any calculation of the period of limitation prescribed in 171.085 and 171.095.

4. For the purposes of this section, a victim ~~[of a sexual assault]~~ is under a disability if the victim is insane, mentally retarded, mentally incompetent or in a medically comatose or vegetative state.

5. As used in this section ~~[, "law"]~~:

(a) "Felony aggravated stalking" means the crime of aggravated stalking for which the penalty prescribed is a felony.

(b) "Law enforcement officer" means:

~~[(a)]~~ (1) A prosecuting attorney;

~~[(b)]~~ (2) A sheriff of a county or his deputy;

~~[(c)]~~ (3) An officer of a metropolitan police department or a police department of an incorporated city; or

~~[(d)]~~ (4) Any other person upon whom some or all of the powers of a peace officer are conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360, inclusive.

Sec. 2. NRS 176.0913 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.0913 1. If a defendant is convicted of an offense listed in subsection ~~[4]~~ 6, the court, at sentencing, shall order that:

(a) The name, social security number, date of birth and any other information identifying the defendant be submitted to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history; and

(b) ~~[(Samples of blood)]~~ *A biological specimen* be obtained from the defendant pursuant to the provisions of this section and that the ~~[samples]~~ *specimen* be used for an analysis to determine the genetic markers of the ~~[blood.]~~ *specimen*.

2. If the defendant is committed to the custody of the department of prisons, the department of prisons shall arrange for the ~~[samples of blood]~~ *biological specimen* to be obtained from the defendant. The department of prisons shall provide the ~~[samples of blood]~~ *specimen* to the forensic laboratory that has been designated by the county in which the defendant was convicted to conduct or oversee genetic marker testing for the county pursuant to NRS 176.0917.

3. If the defendant is not committed to the custody of the department of prisons, the division shall arrange for the ~~[samples of blood]~~ *biological specimen* to be obtained from the defendant. The division shall provide the ~~[samples of blood]~~ *specimen* to the forensic laboratory that has been designated by the county in which the defendant was convicted to conduct or oversee genetic marker testing for the county pursuant to NRS 176.0917.

4. *If a defendant who resides in this state is or has been convicted in another jurisdiction of violating a law that prohibits the same or similar conduct as an offense listed in subsection 6 and the defendant is subject to the provisions of The Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and Probationers, the division shall arrange for the biological specimen to be obtained from the defendant. The division shall provide the specimen to the forensic laboratory that has been designated by the county in which the defendant is residing to conduct or oversee genetic marker testing for the county pursuant to NRS 176.0917.*

1 5. Any cost that is incurred to obtain ~~[the samples of blood from the]~~ *a*
2 *biological specimen from a* defendant pursuant to ~~[this]~~ subsection 3 or 4
3 is a charge against the county in which the defendant was convicted and
4 must be paid as provided in NRS 176.0915.

5 ~~[4.]~~ 6. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a defendant who is
6 convicted of: ~~[any of the following offenses:]~~

7 (a) A crime against a child as defined in NRS 179D.210 ; ~~[]~~

8 (b) A sexual offense as defined in NRS 179D.410 ; ~~[]~~

9 (c) Murder, manslaughter or any other unlawful killing pursuant to NRS
10 200.010 to 200.260, inclusive ; ~~[]~~

11 (d) Mayhem pursuant to NRS 200.280 ; ~~[]~~

12 (e) Administering poison or another noxious or destructive substance or
13 liquid with intent to cause death pursuant to NRS 200.390 ; ~~[]~~

14 (f) Battery with intent to commit a crime pursuant to NRS 200.400 ; ~~[]~~

15 (g) Battery which is committed with the use of a deadly weapon or
16 which results in substantial bodily harm pursuant to NRS 200.481 ; ~~[]~~

17 (h) Abuse or neglect of an older person pursuant to NRS 200.5099 ; ~~[]~~

18 (i) A second or subsequent offense for stalking pursuant to NRS
19 200.575 ; ~~[]~~

20 (j) Burglary pursuant to NRS 205.060 ; ~~[]~~

21 (k) Invasion of the home pursuant to NRS 205.067 ~~[] ; or~~

22 (l) An attempt to commit an offense listed in this subsection.

23 **Sec. 3.** NRS 176.0915 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 176.0915 1. If the court orders that ~~[samples of blood]~~ *a biological*
25 *specimen* be obtained from a defendant pursuant to NRS 176.0913, the
26 court, in addition to any other penalty, shall order the defendant, to the
27 extent of his financial ability, to pay the sum of ~~[\$250]~~ *\$150* as a fee for
28 obtaining the ~~[samples of blood]~~ *specimen* and for conducting the analysis
29 to determine the genetic markers of the ~~[blood.]~~ *specimen*. The fee:

30 (a) Must be stated separately in the judgment of the court or on the
31 docket of the court;

32 (b) Must be collected from the defendant before or at the same time that
33 any fine imposed by the court is collected from the defendant; and

34 (c) Must not be deducted from any fine imposed by the court.

35 2. All money that is collected pursuant to subsection 1 must be paid by
36 the clerk of the court to the county treasurer on or before the fifth day of
37 each month for the preceding month.

38 3. The board of county commissioners of each county shall by
39 ordinance create in the county treasury a fund to be designated as the fund
40 for genetic marker testing. The county treasurer shall deposit money that is
41 collected pursuant to subsection 2 in the fund for genetic marker testing.
42 The money must be accounted for separately within the fund.

43 4. Each month, the county treasurer shall use the money deposited in
44 the fund for genetic marker testing to pay for the actual amount charged to
45 the county for obtaining ~~[samples of blood from defendants]~~ *a biological*
46 *specimen from a defendant* pursuant to NRS 176.0913.

47 5. If money remains in the fund after the county treasurer makes the
48 payments required by subsection 4, the county treasurer shall pay the
49 remaining money each month to the forensic laboratory that is designated

1 by the county pursuant to NRS 176.0917 to conduct or oversee genetic
2 marker testing for the county. A forensic laboratory that receives money
3 pursuant to this subsection shall use the money to:

4 (a) Maintain and purchase equipment and supplies relating to genetic
5 marker testing, including, but not limited to, equipment and supplies
6 required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for participation in CODIS;
7 and

8 (b) Pay for the training and continuing education, including, but not
9 limited to, the reasonable travel expenses, of employees of the forensic
10 laboratory who conduct or oversee genetic marker testing.

11 **Sec. 4.** NRS 179A.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 179A.075 1. The central repository for Nevada records of criminal
13 history is hereby created within the Nevada highway patrol division of the
14 department.

15 2. Each agency of criminal justice and any other agency dealing with
16 crime or delinquency of children shall:

17 (a) Collect and maintain records, reports and compilations of statistical
18 data required by the department; and

19 (b) Submit the information collected to the central repository in the
20 manner recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the
21 director of the department.

22 3. Each agency of criminal justice shall submit the information relating
23 to sexual offenses and other records of criminal history that it creates or
24 issues, and any information in its possession relating to the genetic markers
25 of ~~[the blood and the secretor status of the saliva]~~ *a biological specimen* of
26 a person who is convicted of ~~[sexual assault or any other sexual offense,]~~
27 *an offense listed in subsection 6 of NRS 176.0913*, to the division in the
28 manner prescribed by the director of the department. The information must
29 be submitted to the division:

30 (a) Through an electronic network;

31 (b) On a medium of magnetic storage; or

32 (c) In the manner prescribed by the director of the department,
33 within the period prescribed by the director of the department. If an agency
34 has submitted a record regarding the arrest of a person who is later
35 determined by the agency not to be the person who committed the
36 particular crime, the agency shall, immediately upon making that
37 determination, so notify the division. The division shall delete all
38 references in the central repository relating to that particular arrest.

39 4. The division shall, in the manner prescribed by the director of the
40 department:

41 (a) Collect, maintain and arrange all information submitted to it relating
42 to:

43 (1) Sexual offenses and other records of criminal history; and

44 (2) The genetic markers of ~~[the blood and the secretor status of the~~
45 *saliva]* *a biological specimen* of a person who is convicted of ~~[sexual~~
46 *assault or any other sexual offense,]* *an offense listed in subsection 6 of*
47 *NRS 176.0913.*

(b) When practicable, use a record of the personal identifying information of a subject as the basis for any records maintained regarding him.

(c) Upon request, provide the information that is contained in the central repository to the state disaster identification team of the division of emergency management of the department . ~~of motor vehicles and public safety.]~~

5. The division may:

(a) Disseminate any information which is contained in the central repository to any other agency of criminal justice;

(b) Enter into cooperative agreements with federal and state repositories to facilitate exchanges of information that may be disseminated pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(c) Request of and receive from the Federal Bureau of Investigation information on the background and personal history of any person whose record of fingerprints the central repository submits to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and:

(1) Who has applied to any agency of the State of Nevada or any political subdivision thereof for a license which it has the power to grant or deny;

(2) With whom any agency of the State of Nevada or any political subdivision thereof intends to enter into a relationship of employment or a contract for personal services;

(3) About whom any agency of the State of Nevada or any political subdivision thereof has a legitimate need to have accurate personal information for the protection of the agency or the persons within its jurisdiction; or

(4) For whom such information is required to be obtained pursuant to NRS 449.179.

6. The central repository shall:

(a) Collect and maintain records, reports and compilations of statistical data submitted by any agency pursuant to subsection 2.

(b) Tabulate and analyze all records, reports and compilations of statistical data received pursuant to this section.

(c) Disseminate to federal agencies engaged in the collection of statistical data relating to crime information which is contained in the central repository.

(d) Investigate the criminal history of any person who:

(1) Has applied to the superintendent of public instruction for a license;

(2) Has applied to a county school district for employment; or

(3) Is employed by a county school district,

and notify the superintendent of each county school district and the superintendent of public instruction if the investigation of the central repository indicates that the person has been convicted of a violation of NRS 200.508, 201.230, 453.3385, 453.339 or 453.3395, or convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude.

(e) Upon discovery, notify the superintendent of each county school district by providing him with a list of all persons:

(1) Investigated pursuant to paragraph (d); or

(2) Employed by a county school district whose fingerprints were sent previously to the central repository for investigation, who the central repository's records indicate have been convicted of a violation of NRS 200.508, 201.230, 453.3385, 453.339 or 453.3395, or convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude since the central repository's initial investigation. The superintendent of each county school district shall determine whether further investigation or action by the district is appropriate.

(f) Investigate the criminal history of each person who submits fingerprints or has his fingerprints submitted pursuant to NRS 449.176 or 449.179.

(g) On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and present to the governor a printed annual report containing the statistical data relating to crime received during the preceding calendar year. Additional reports may be presented to the governor throughout the year regarding specific areas of crime if they are recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the director of the department.

(h) On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau, for submission to the legislature, or the legislative commission when the legislature is not in regular session, a report containing statistical data about domestic violence in this state.

(i) Identify and review the collection and processing of statistical data relating to criminal justice and the delinquency of children by any agency identified in subsection 2, and make recommendations for any necessary changes in the manner of collecting and processing statistical data by any such agency.

7. The central repository may:

(a) At the recommendation of the advisory committee and in the manner prescribed by the director of the department, disseminate compilations of statistical data and publish statistical reports relating to crime or the delinquency of children.

(b) Charge a reasonable fee for any publication or special report it distributes relating to data collected pursuant to this section. The central repository may not collect such a fee from an agency of criminal justice, any other agency dealing with crime or the delinquency of children which is required to submit information pursuant to subsection 2 or the state disaster identification team of the division of emergency management of the department . ~~[of motor vehicles and public safety.]~~ All money collected pursuant to this paragraph must be used to pay for the cost of operating the central repository.

(c) In the manner prescribed by the director of the department, use electronic means to receive and disseminate information contained in the central repository that it is authorized to disseminate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

8. As used in this section:

(a) "Advisory committee" means the committee established by the director of the department pursuant to NRS 179A.078.

(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, date of birth and photograph or computer generated image of a person; and

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

Sec. 5. NRS 56.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

56.020 1. Whenever it is relevant in a civil or criminal action to determine the parentage or identity of any person or corpse, the court, by order, may direct any party to the action and the person involved in the controversy to submit to one or more ~~blood or saliva tests,~~ *tests to obtain a biological specimen to determine the genetic markers of the specimen,* to be made by qualified persons, under such restrictions and directions as the court deems proper. ~~[The tests may include analysis of a person's blood to determine its genetic markers and of a person's saliva to determine its secretor status.]~~

2. Whenever a test is ordered and made, the results of the test may be received in evidence. The order for the tests also may direct that the testimony of the experts and of the persons so examined may be taken by deposition. The opinion of any expert concerning results of blood tests may be weighted in accordance with evidence, if available, of the statistical probability of the alleged blood relationship. The court shall determine how and by whom the costs of the examination must be paid.

Sec. 6. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. The amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act apply to a person who committed a kidnapping, attempted murder or felony aggravated stalking before the effective date of this act if the applicable statute of limitations has commenced but has not yet expired on the effective date of this act.

Sec. 8. The amendatory provisions of sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act do not apply to offenses committed before the effective date of this act.

Sec. 9. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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