ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 82–ASSEMBLYMEN KOIVISTO, MCCLAIN, CARPENTER, HUMKE, CHOWNING, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, BERMAN, BUCKLEY, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, GIUNCHIGLIANI, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, PARKS AND SMITH

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning orders to protect person from crime of stalking, aggravated stalking and harassment. (BDR 15-35)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: 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; authorizing courts to defer and assess costs and fees for obtaining an order to protect a person from the crime of stalking, aggravated stalking and harassment against the adverse party; requiring the clerk of the court to provide information and assistance related to filing and responding to such an order; 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. The payment of all costs and official fees must be deferred for any person who petitions a court for a temporary or extended order pursuant to NRS 200.591. After any hearing and not later than final disposition of such an application or order, the court shall assess the costs and fees against the adverse party, except that the court may reduce them or waive them, as justice may require.

2. The clerk of the court shall provide a person who petitions the court for a temporary or extended order pursuant to NRS 200.591 and the adverse party, free of cost, with information about the:

(a) Availability of temporary and extended orders pursuant to NRS 200.591;

- (b) Procedure for filing an application for such an order; and
- (c) Right to proceed without legal counsel.

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3. The clerk of the court or other person designated by the court shall assist a person who petitions the court for a temporary or extended order pursuant to NRS 200.591 and the adverse party in completing and filing the application, affidavit and any other paper or pleading necessary to initiate or respond to an application for such a temporary or extended order. This assistance does not constitute the practice of law, but the clerk shall not render any advice or service that requires the professional judgment of an attorney.



