

SENATE BILL NO. 549—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes peace officer to detain witness to crime under certain circumstances. (BDR 14-1342)

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 peace officers; authorizing a peace officer to detain a witness to a crime under certain circumstances; 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.** Chapter 171 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
2     new section to read as follows:  
3         ***1. Any peace officer may detain any person whenever:***  
4         ***(a) The officer has reasonable cause to believe that a crime involving***  
5         ***forcible bodily injury has just been committed near the place where the***  
6         ***officer finds the person;***  
7         ***(b) The officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person has***  
8         ***knowledge of material aid in the investigation of the crime; and***  
9         ***(c) Such detention is reasonably necessary to obtain or verify the***  
10        ***identification of the person or to obtain an account of the crime.***  
11        ***2. A person must not be detained longer than is reasonably necessary***  
12        ***to effect the purposes of this section, and in no event longer than 60***  
13        ***minutes. The detention must not extend beyond the place or the***  
14        ***immediate vicinity of the place where the detention was first effected.***  
15        **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

