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AN ACT relating to civil practice; allowing the court under certain circumstances to require a person found guilty of contempt to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by a party as a result of the contempt; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Under existing law, a person disobeying a lawful writ, order, rule or process of the court is guilty of contempt. (NRS 22.010) A person found guilty of contempt may be fined up to \$500 or imprisoned for up to 25 days, or may be both fined and imprisoned. (NRS 22.100)

This bill gives the court the option of also requiring the person found in contempt to pay the reasonable expenses, including attorney’s fees, incurred by a party as a result of the contempt.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 22.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.100 **1.** Upon the answer and evidence taken, the court or judge or jury, as the case may be, shall determine whether the person proceeded against is guilty of the contempt charged. ~~}; and if it be found that he is}~~

2. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 22.110, if a person is found* guilty of ~~{the}~~ contempt, a fine may be imposed on him not exceeding \$500 ~~{;}~~ or he may be imprisoned not exceeding 25 days, or both. ~~{; but no imprisonment shall exceed 25 days except as provided in NRS 22.110.}~~

3. *In addition to the penalties provided in subsection 2, if a person is found guilty of contempt pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 22.010, the court may require the person to pay to the party seeking to enforce the writ, order, rule or process the reasonable expenses, including, without limitation, attorney’s fees, incurred by the party as a result of the contempt.*

