
SENATE BILL NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION)

PREFILED JANUARY 31, 2005

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing fines imposed by Nevada Equal Rights Commission. (BDR 18-385)

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 the Nevada Equal Rights Commission; increasing the fine for willful resistance, prevention, impedance or interference with the Commission; specifying the purposes for which the money collected from the imposition of that fine must be used by the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. (NRS 233.030) The Commission is primarily responsible for investigating and resolving complaints of unlawful discriminatory practices in employment, housing and public accommodations. (NRS 233.010, 233.140, 233.150, 233.157-233.190) Under existing law, any person who willfully resists, prevents, impedes or interferes with the performance of the Commission's duties may be fined up to \$500. (NRS 233.210)

This bill increases the maximum amount of that fine from \$500 to \$5,000. In addition, this bill requires that the money collected from the imposition of that fine must be accounted for separately in the State General Fund and must be used by the Commission to educate the public concerning unlawful discriminatory practices in employment, housing and public accommodations.



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 233.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 233.210 **1.** Any person who willfully resists, prevents,
3 impedes or interferes with the Commission, its members, the
4 Administrator or agents in the performance of duties pursuant to this
5 chapter shall be fined not more than ~~\$\$\$500.1~~ **\$5,000.**
6 **2. Any money collected from the fine imposed pursuant to**
7 **subsection 1 and any interest or income earned on that money,**
8 **after deducting applicable charges:**
9 **(a) Must be accounted for separately in the State General**
10 **Fund;**
11 **(b) Do not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any**
12 **fiscal year; and**
13 **(c) Must be used by the Commission to educate the public**
14 **concerning unlawful discriminatory practices in employment,**
15 **housing and public accommodations.**

