

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 117—ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the exclusion of certain persons from divorce proceedings. (BDR 11-217)

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 divorce; providing that the parents, guardians and siblings of parties to an action for divorce must not be excluded from observing the proceedings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law allows a court in any action for a divorce to exclude certain
2 persons from the proceedings upon demand of either party. (NRS 125.080) This bill
3 provides that the parents, guardians and siblings of the parties must not be excluded
4 from observing the proceedings.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 125.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 125.080 ***1.*** In any action for divorce , the court shall, upon
3 demand of either party, direct that the trial and issue or issues of fact
4 joined therein be private . ~~[and upon such direction]~~
5 ***2. Upon such demand of either party,*** all persons ~~[shall]~~ ***must***
6 be excluded from the court or chambers wherein the action is tried,
7 except ~~[the officers of the court, the parties, and their witnesses and~~
8 ~~counsel.]~~ :
9 (a) ***The officers of the court;***
10 (b) ***The parties;***



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- 1 (c) *The counsel for the parties;*
- 2 (d) *The witnesses for the parties;*
- 3 (e) *The parents or guardians of the parties; and*
- 4 (f) *The siblings of the parties.*

