

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, siblings and witnesses of parties to an action for divorce must not be excluded from observing the proceedings under certain circumstances; 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, siblings and witnesses of the parties must not
4 be excluded from observing the proceedings unless good cause is shown.

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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, upon such**
6 **demand of either party,** all persons ~~[shall]~~ **must** be excluded from
7 the court or chambers wherein the action is tried, except ~~the~~
8 ~~officers of the court, the parties, and their witnesses and counsel.] :~~
9 **(a) The officers of the court;**



- 1 **(b) The parties;**
- 2 **(c) The counsel for the parties;**
- 3 **(d) The witnesses for the parties;**
- 4 **(e) The parents or guardians of the parties; and**
- 5 **(f) The siblings of the parties.**
- 6 **3. The court may, upon oral or written motion of either party,**
- 7 **order a hearing to determine whether to exclude the parents,**
- 8 **guardians or siblings of either party, or witnesses for either party,**
- 9 **from the court or chambers wherein the action is tried. If good**
- 10 **cause is shown for the exclusion of any such person, the court**
- 11 **shall exclude any such person from the court or chambers**
- 12 **wherein the action is tried.**

