

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 17—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA JUDGES ASSOCIATION)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Allows justice courts to appoint masters in proceedings involving temporary or extended orders for protection against stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment. (BDR 15-266)

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 justice courts; allowing justices of the peace to appoint masters in proceedings involving temporary or extended orders for protection against stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a temporary or extended order for protection against stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment may be issued by a justice court. (NRS 200.591) This bill allows a justice of the peace to appoint a master to take testimony, establish a record and make findings of fact and conclusions of law and recommendations concerning temporary and extended orders for protection.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 200 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. In an action in justice court to issue, dissolve, convert,***
4 ***modify, record or enforce a temporary or extended order pursuant***



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1 *to NRS 200.591 to 200.601, inclusive, the justice of the peace may*
2 *appoint a master to take testimony and recommend orders.*

3 *2. The master must possess qualifications that are equal to or*
4 *greater than the qualifications required of the justice of the peace*
5 *for the township in which the master is appointed as set forth in*
6 *NRS 4.010.*

7 *3. The master shall:*

8 *(a) Take testimony and establish a record; and*

9 *(b) Make findings of fact, conclusions of law and*
10 *recommendations concerning a temporary or extended order.*

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