

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 89—ASSEMBLYMEN PARNELL, BOBZIEN,
HOGAN, KIRKPATRICK, PIERCE AND SMITH

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding industrial injuries and occupational diseases to include as police officers certain employees of the Department of Public Safety and the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (BDR 53-849)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 public employees; including certain employees of the Department of Public Safety and certain park rangers and employees of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the definition of “police officer” for various purposes relating to industrial injuries, occupational diseases and programs for public employees; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for certain police officers suffering from certain
2 occupational diseases to receive disability benefits. (NRS 617.135, 617.455,
3 617.457, 617.485, 617.487) Existing law defines “police officer” for the purpose of
4 providing those disability benefits to include various law enforcement officers in
5 this State. (NRS 617.135) Existing law also grants the powers of peace officers to
6 certain park rangers and employees of the Division of State Parks of the State
7 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (NRS 289.260) **Section 1** of
8 this bill expands the definition of police officer to make certain employees of the
9 Department of Public Safety and certain park rangers and division employees of the
10 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources eligible for the disability
11 benefits provided to police officers. **Section 2** of this bill makes an appropriation to



12 the Division for physical examinations for those park rangers and division
13 employees.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 617.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 617.135 “Police officer” includes:
3 1. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, officer of a metropolitan police
4 department or city policeman;
5 2. A chief, inspector, supervisor, commercial officer or trooper
6 of the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public
7 Safety;
8 3. A chief, investigator or agent of the Investigation Division
9 of the Department of Public Safety;
10 4. *A chief, supervisor, investigator or training officer of the*
11 *Training Division of the Department of Public Safety;*
12 5. *A chief or investigator of an office of the Department of*
13 *Public Safety that conducts internal investigations of employees of*
14 *the Department of Public Safety or investigates other issues*
15 *relating to the professional responsibility of those employees;*
16 6. *A chief or investigator of the Department of Public Safety*
17 *whose duties include, without limitation:*
18 (a) *The execution, administration or enforcement of the*
19 *provisions of chapter 179A of NRS; and*
20 (b) *The provision of technology support services to the*
21 *Director and the divisions of the Department of Public Safety;*
22 7. An officer or investigator of the Section for the Control of
23 Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related
24 to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
25 ~~8.~~ 8. An investigator of the Division of Compliance
26 Enforcement of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
27 ~~9.~~ 9. A member of the police department of the Nevada
28 System of Higher Education;
29 ~~10.~~ 10. A:
30 (a) Uniformed employee of; or
31 (b) Forensic specialist employed by,
32 ➤ the Department of Corrections whose position requires regular
33 and frequent contact with the offenders imprisoned and subjects the
34 employee to recall in emergencies;
35 ~~11.~~ 11. A parole and probation officer of the Division of
36 Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety;
37 ~~12.~~ 12. A forensic specialist or correctional officer employed
38 by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the



Department of Health and Human Services at facilities for mentally disordered offenders;

~~{10.}~~ 13. The State Fire Marshal, his assistant and his deputies;
~~{and}~~

~~{11.}~~ 14. A game warden of the Department of Wildlife who has the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.280 ~~{H}~~; and

15. A ranger or employee of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who has the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.260.

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the physical examinations required pursuant to NRS 617.454, 617.455, 617.457, 617.485 and 617.487 for rangers or employees of the Division who are police officers pursuant to NRS 617.135 as amended by section 1 of this act:

For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$31,391.05

For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$13,109.20

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively.

Sec. 3. 1. A person who, on July 1, 2007, is employed as a ranger or employee of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who has the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.260 shall submit to a physical examination pursuant to NRS 617.454, 617.455 and 617.457 and a blood test to screen for hepatitis C pursuant to NRS 617.487 on or after July 1, 2007, but on or before September 30, 2007. Each physical examination and blood test must be paid for by the Department.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 617.455, 617.457 and 617.487, if a person fails to submit to a physical examination or blood test required pursuant to subsection 1, the conclusive presumption relating to diseases of the lungs created by NRS 617.455, diseases of the heart created by NRS 617.457 and infections of hepatitis C pursuant to NRS 617.487 shall be deemed, with regard to that person and for the purposes of those sections, to



1 create a rebuttable presumption that the disease of the lungs or heart
2 or infection of hepatitis C arose out of and in the course of the
3 employment of the person as a ranger or employee specified in
4 subsection 1.

5 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

