

SENATE BILL NO. 29—COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Prohibits certain demonstrations in or near a veterans' cemetery in Nevada. (BDR 37-636)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 veterans' cemeteries; prohibiting certain demonstrations in or near a veterans' cemetery in this State; requiring the Executive Director for Veterans' Services to adopt regulations concerning activities which may be conducted in a veterans' cemetery in this State; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The Executive Director for Veterans' Services is required to establish, operate
2 and maintain veterans' cemeteries in this State. (NRS 417.200) This bill prohibits
3 demonstrations in a veterans' cemetery in this State without the approval of the
4 Executive Director for Veterans' Services. This bill also prohibits demonstrations
5 within a certain distance of a veterans' cemetery and during certain times when a
6 funeral, memorial service or ceremony is conducted in the cemetery. This bill
7 requires the Executive Director to adopt regulations that prescribe the requirements
8 for authorizing activities that may be conducted in veterans' cemeteries in this
9 State.



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

Section 1. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A person shall not:

(a) Engage in a demonstration within a veterans' cemetery in this State unless the demonstration has been approved by the Executive Director; or

(b) During the period beginning 60 minutes before and ending 60 minutes after a funeral, memorial service or ceremony is held, engage in a demonstration that takes place:

(1) Within 150 feet of a road, pathway or other route of ingress to or egress from such a cemetery and includes, as part of the demonstration, any person who willfully makes or assists in the making of any noise or diversion that disturbs or tends to disturb the peace or good order of the funeral, memorial service or ceremony; or

(2) Within 300 feet of such a cemetery and impedes or restricts access to or egress from the cemetery.

2. The Executive Director shall adopt regulations that prescribe the requirements for authorizing activities that may be conducted in a veterans' cemetery in this State, including regulations relating to restrictions on the time, place and manner of those activities.

3. A person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4. As used in this section, "demonstration" includes, without limitation:

(a) Any picketing or other similar conduct;

(b) Any oration, speech, use of any equipment or device for sound amplification or other similar conduct that is not part of a funeral, memorial service or ceremony;

(c) The display of any placard, banner, flag or other similar device unless the display is part of a funeral, memorial service or ceremony; and

(d) The distribution of any handbill, pamphlet, leaflet or other written or printed material other than a program distributed as part of a funeral, memorial service or ceremony.

