

SENATE BILL NO. 34—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions concerning protective orders. (BDR 15-656)

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 protective orders; revising the provisions governing additional penalties imposed for certain violations of orders for the protection of children; revising the jurisdiction of certain justice courts with respect to the issuance of orders for protection against domestic violence; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law imposes an additional penalty on a person who commits certain felonies when violating certain types of protective orders. (NRS 193.166) **Section 1** of this bill provides that a person who intentionally violates an extended order for the protection of a child, which is a felony, is not subject to the additional penalty unless the person committed an additional felony when the person violated the order. (NRS 33.400)

Existing law provides that justice courts have jurisdiction to issue orders for protection against domestic violence, except in certain counties and townships or when certain actions are pending in district court. (NRS 4.370) Instead of the exception for certain pending action, **section 2** of this bill provides that a justice court does not have jurisdiction to issue an order for protection against domestic violence if a district court issues a written order to the justice court requiring that further proceedings relating to the action for the issuance of the order of protection be conducted before the district court.



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

Section 1. NRS 193.166 is hereby amended to read as follows:
193.166 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.169, a person who commits a crime that is punishable as a felony, other than a crime that is punishable as a felony pursuant to **subsection 6 of NRS 33.400 or** subsection 5 of NRS 200.591, in violation of:

(a) A temporary or extended order for protection against domestic violence issued pursuant to NRS 33.020;

(b) An order for protection against harassment in the workplace issued pursuant to NRS 33.270;

(c) A temporary or extended order for the protection of a child issued pursuant to NRS 33.400;

(d) An order for protection against domestic violence issued in an action or proceeding brought pursuant to title 11 of NRS; or

(e) A temporary or extended order issued pursuant to NRS 200.591,

➔ shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a term equal to and in addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for that crime. If the crime committed by the person is punishable as a category A felony or category B felony, in addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for that crime, the person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 5 years. The sentence prescribed by this section runs concurrently or consecutively with the sentence prescribed by statute for the crime, as ordered by the court.

2. The court shall not grant probation to or suspend the sentence of any person convicted of attempted murder, battery which involves the use of a deadly weapon, or battery which results in substantial bodily harm if an additional term of imprisonment may be imposed for that primary offense pursuant to this section.

3. This section does not create a separate offense but provides an additional penalty for the primary offense, whose imposition is contingent upon the finding of the prescribed fact.

Sec. 2. NRS 4.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.370 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, justice courts have jurisdiction of the following civil actions and proceedings and no others except as otherwise provided by specific statute:

(a) In actions arising on contract for the recovery of money only, if the sum claimed, exclusive of interest, does not exceed \$10,000.



(b) In actions for damages for injury to the person, or for taking, detaining or injuring personal property, or for injury to real property where no issue is raised by the verified answer of the defendant involving the title to or boundaries of the real property, if the damage claimed does not exceed \$10,000.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (l), in actions for a fine, penalty or forfeiture not exceeding \$10,000, given by statute or the ordinance of a county, city or town, where no issue is raised by the answer involving the legality of any tax, impost, assessment, toll or municipal fine.

(d) In actions upon bonds or undertakings conditioned for the payment of money, if the sum claimed does not exceed \$10,000, though the penalty may exceed that sum. Bail bonds and other undertakings posted in criminal matters may be forfeited regardless of amount.

(e) In actions to recover the possession of personal property, if the value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.

(f) To take and enter judgment on the confession of a defendant, when the amount confessed, exclusive of interest, does not exceed \$10,000.

(g) Of actions for the possession of lands and tenements where the relation of landlord and tenant exists, when damages claimed do not exceed \$10,000 or when no damages are claimed.

(h) Of actions when the possession of lands and tenements has been unlawfully or fraudulently obtained or withheld, when damages claimed do not exceed \$10,000 or when no damages are claimed.

(i) Of suits for the collection of taxes, where the amount of the tax sued for does not exceed \$10,000.

(j) Of actions for the enforcement of mechanics' liens, where the amount of the lien sought to be enforced, exclusive of interest, does not exceed \$10,000.

(k) Of actions for the enforcement of liens of owners of facilities for storage, where the amount of the lien sought to be enforced, exclusive of interest, does not exceed \$10,000.

(l) In actions for a fine imposed for a violation of NRS 484.757.

(m) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in any action for the issuance of a temporary or extended order for protection against domestic violence. A justice court does not have jurisdiction in an action for the issuance of a temporary or extended order for protection against domestic violence:

(1) In a county whose population is more than 100,000 and less than 400,000;

(2) In any township whose population is 100,000 or more located within a county whose population is more than 400,000; or



(3) If a ~~party to the action is a party in another action pending in the~~ district court ~~in which such an order may be granted by~~ *issues a written order to the justice court requiring that further proceedings relating to the action for the issuance of the order of protection be conducted before* the district court.

(n) In an action for the issuance of a temporary or extended order for protection against harassment in the workplace pursuant to NRS 33.200 to 33.360, inclusive.

(o) In small claims actions under the provisions of chapter 73 of NRS.

(p) In actions to contest the validity of liens on mobile homes or manufactured homes.

(q) In any action pursuant to NRS 200.591 for the issuance of a protective order against a person alleged to be committing the crime of stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment.

(r) In actions transferred from the district court pursuant to NRS 3.221.

(s) In any action for the issuance of a temporary or extended order pursuant to NRS 33.400.

2. The jurisdiction conferred by this section does not extend to civil actions, other than for forcible entry or detainer, in which the title of real property or mining claims or questions affecting the boundaries of land are involved.

3. Justice courts have jurisdiction of all misdemeanors and no other criminal offenses except as otherwise provided by specific statute. Upon approval of the district court, a justice court may transfer original jurisdiction of a misdemeanor to the district court for the purpose of assigning an offender to a program established pursuant to NRS 176A.250.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6, in criminal cases the jurisdiction of justices of the peace extends to the limits of their respective counties.

5. In the case of any arrest made by a member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace extends to the limits of their respective counties and to the limits of all counties which have common boundaries with their respective counties.

6. Each justice court has jurisdiction of any violation of a regulation governing vehicular traffic on an airport within the township in which the court is established.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

