

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 254—ASSEMBLYMEN DENIS AND KIHUEN

MARCH 6, 2009

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes the Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities a permanent position. (BDR 18-830)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 the Department of Business and Industry; making the Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities a permanent position; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The 2007 Legislature created the Office of Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs
2 for Minorities within the Consumer Affairs Division of the Department of Business
3 and Industry as a temporary position for the 2007-2009 biennium. (Chapter 348,
4 Statutes of Nevada 2007, pp. 1662, 1676) This bill makes the Ombudsman of
5 Consumer Affairs for Minorities a permanent position.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Office of Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for*
4 *Minorities is hereby created within the Consumer Affairs Division*
5 *of the Department. The Ombudsman shall:*

6 *(a) Provide for continued educational, outreach and service*
7 *programs for minority groups pertaining to consumer fraud; and*

8 *(b) Assist the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs created*
9 *by NRS 232.852.*

10 *2. The Director of the Department shall appoint the*
11 *Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities.*

12 *3. The Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities is:*



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1 ***(a) In the unclassified service of the State.***

2 ***(b) Directly responsible to the Commissioner of Consumer***
3 ***Affairs.***

4 **Sec. 2.** NRS 232.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 232.505 As used in NRS 232.505 to 232.840, inclusive, ***and***
6 ***section 1 of this act,*** unless the context requires otherwise:

7 1. "Department" means the Department of Business and
8 Industry.

9 2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.

10 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

