

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 within the Office of the Director of the Department of Business and Industry. (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 within the Office of the Director of the Department; 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 within the Office of the
6 Director of the Department.

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 Office of the Director. The***
5 ***Ombudsman shall:***
6 ***(a) Provide for continued educational, outreach and service***
7 ***programs for minority groups pertaining to consumer fraud; and***



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- 1 **(b) Assist the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs created**
- 2 **by NRS 232.852.**
- 3 **2. The Director shall appoint the Ombudsman of Consumer**
- 4 **Affairs for Minorities.**
- 5 **3. The Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities is:**
- 6 **(a) In the unclassified service of the State.**
- 7 **(b) Directly responsible to the Director.**
- 8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 232.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 9 232.505 As used in NRS 232.505 to 232.840, inclusive, **and**
- 10 **section 1 of this act**, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 11 1. "Department" means the Department of Business and
- 12 Industry.
- 13 2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.
- 14 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

