

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 116—ASSEMBLYMEN BENITEZ-THOMPSON;  
AND ELLIOT ANDERSON

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions concerning accessories to certain crimes. (BDR 15-135)

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 crimes; revising certain provisions concerning accessories to certain crimes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law provides that any person who is not the husband or wife, brother or  
2 sister, parent or grandparent, child or grandchild of an offender and who harbors,  
3 conceals or aids the offender after the commission of a crime is an accessory to the  
4 crime. (NRS 195.030) **Section 1** of this bill removes every person other than the  
5 spouse or domestic partner from that exception if the crime is a felony. **Section 1**  
6 also revises the acts which constitute being an accessory to a felony after the  
7 commission of the felony by specifically stating that a person acts as an accessory  
8 to a felony if he or she destroys or conceals, or aids in the destruction or  
9 concealment of, material evidence, or harbors or conceals the offender.

10 Existing law provides that an accessory to a felony is guilty of a category C  
11 felony. (NRS 195.040) **Section 2** of this bill revises this penalty to provide that a  
12 person who harbors, conceals or aids the offender after the commission of a felony  
13 and who is the brother or sister, parent or grandparent, child or grandchild of the  
14 offender is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 195.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 195.030 **1.** Every person *who is* not ~~standing in the relation~~  
3 ~~of husband or wife, brother or sister, parent or grandparent, child or~~  
4 ~~grandchild.~~ *the spouse or domestic partner* ~~to~~ of the offender ~~;~~  
5 *and* who ~~;~~



1 ~~1. After~~ , after the commission of a felony , *destroys or*  
2 *conceals, or aids in the destruction or concealment of, material*  
3 *evidence, or* harbors ~~it~~ or conceals ~~for aids~~ such offender with  
4 intent that the offender may avoid or escape from arrest, trial,  
5 conviction or punishment, having knowledge that such offender has  
6 committed a felony or is liable to arrest, is an accessory to the  
7 felony.

8 2. ~~After~~ *Every person who is not the spouse, domestic*  
9 *partner, brother or sister, parent or grandparent, child or*  
10 *grandchild of the offender, who, after* the commission of a gross  
11 misdemeanor , harbors, conceals or aids such offender with intent  
12 that the offender may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction  
13 or punishment, having knowledge that such offender has committed  
14 a gross misdemeanor or is liable to arrest, is an accessory to the  
15 gross misdemeanor.

16 3. *As used in this section, "domestic partner" means a person*  
17 *who is in a domestic partnership that is registered pursuant to*  
18 *chapter 122A of NRS, and that has not been terminated pursuant*  
19 *to that chapter.*

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 195.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 195.040 1. An accessory to a felony may be indicted, tried  
22 and convicted either in the county where he or she became an  
23 accessory, or where the principal felony was committed, whether the  
24 principal offender has or has not been convicted, or is or is not  
25 amenable to justice, or has been pardoned or otherwise discharged  
26 after conviction. Except *as otherwise provided in this subsection*  
27 *and except* where a different punishment is specially provided by  
28 law, the accessory is guilty of a category C felony and shall be  
29 punished as provided in NRS 193.130. *An accessory to a felony*  
30 *who is the brother or sister, parent or grandparent, child or*  
31 *grandchild of the principal offender and who is an accessory to a*  
32 *felony pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 195.030 is guilty of a gross*  
33 *misdemeanor.*

34 2. An accessory to a gross misdemeanor may be indicted, tried  
35 and convicted in the manner provided for an accessory to a felony  
36 and, except where a different punishment is specially provided by  
37 law, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not  
38 less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or by a fine of not less  
39 than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by both fine and imprisonment.

