

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 212—ASSEMBLYMEN HANSEN, HAMBRICK;
PAUL ANDERSON, ELLISON, GRADY, KIRNER, LIVERMORE,
STEWART AND WHEELER

MARCH 7, 2013

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR GUSTAVSON

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits the possession of portable
telecommunications devices by certain prisoners.
(BDR 16-639)

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 correctional institutions; prohibiting the
possession of portable telecommunications devices by
certain prisoners; providing penalties; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law prohibits the possession of portable telecommunications devices
2 by prisoners in state institutions and facilities. (NRS 212.165) This bill extends that
3 prohibition to include any prisoner in a jail, branch county jail or other local
4 detention facility and provides that a prisoner who violates the prohibition is guilty
5 of: (1) a category D felony if he or she was confined as a result of a gross
6 misdemeanor or a felony; or (2) a misdemeanor if he or she was confined as a result
7 of a misdemeanor.



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

Section 1. NRS 212.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

212.165 1. A person shall not, without lawful authorization, knowingly furnish, attempt to furnish, or aid or assist in furnishing or attempting to furnish to a prisoner confined in an institution or a facility of the Department of Corrections, or any other place where prisoners are authorized to be or are assigned by the Director of the Department, a portable telecommunications device. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

2. A person shall not, without lawful authorization, carry into an institution or a facility of the Department, or any other place where prisoners are authorized to be or are assigned by the Director of the Department, a portable telecommunications device. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. A prisoner confined in an institution or a facility of the Department, or any other place where prisoners are authorized to be or are assigned by the Director of the Department, shall not, without lawful authorization, possess or have in his or her custody or control a portable telecommunications device. A prisoner who violates this subsection is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

4. *A prisoner confined in a jail or any other place where such prisoners are authorized to be or are assigned by the sheriff, chief of police or other officer responsible for the operation of the jail, shall not, without lawful authorization, possess or have in his or her custody or control a portable telecommunications device. A prisoner who violates this subsection and who is in lawful custody or confinement for a charge, conviction or sentence for:*

(a) A gross misdemeanor or felony is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

(b) A misdemeanor is guilty of a misdemeanor.

5. A sentence imposed upon a prisoner pursuant to subsection 3 ~~†~~ or 4:

(a) Is not subject to suspension or the granting of probation; and

(b) Must run consecutively after the prisoner has served any sentences imposed upon the prisoner for the offense or offenses for which the prisoner was in lawful custody or confinement when the prisoner violated the provisions of subsection 3 ~~†~~

~~5~~ ~~†~~ or 4.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 209.065.

(b) "Institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 209.071.



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- 1 (c) *“Jail” means a jail, branch county jail or other local*
2 *detention facility.*
3 (d) “Telecommunications device” has the meaning ascribed to it
4 in subsection 3 of NRS 209.417.

