

SENATE BILL NO. 139—SENATORS SPEARMAN, PARKS, MANENDO, FORD, KIHUEN; ATKINSON, DENIS, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, HUTCHISON, JONES, KIECKHEFER, ROBERSON, SEGERBLOM, SMITH AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Expands provisions governing criminal and civil liability for certain crimes to include crimes motivated by the victim's gender identity or expression. (BDR 15-703)

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 crimes; providing an additional penalty for certain crimes motivated by the victim's gender identity or expression; providing certain civil liability for a person who commits certain crimes motivated by the victim's gender identity or expression; revising provisions concerning the reporting of certain crimes; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law provides that if a person commits certain crimes because of a
- 2 victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental
- 3 disability or sexual orientation: (1) the person who committed the crime is subject
- 4 to an additional penalty; (2) unless a greater penalty is provided by law, the person
- 5 who committed the crime is guilty of a gross misdemeanor; and (3) a person injured



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6 by the crime may bring a civil action against the person who committed the crime.
7 (NRS 41.690, 193.1675, 207.185) Further, existing law requires the Director of the
8 Department of Public Safety to establish a Program for Reporting Crimes that is
9 designed to collect, compile and analyze statistical data about crimes that manifest
10 evidence of prejudice based on race, color, religion, national origin, physical or
11 mental disability or sexual orientation. (NRS 179A.175) This bill expands those
12 provisions to include cases in which a person commits a crime because of the
13 victim's actual or perceived gender identity or expression.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 193 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 ***"Gender identity or expression" means the gender-related***
4 ***identity, appearance, expression or behavior of a person,***
5 ***regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth.***

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 193.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 193.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
8 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 193.011 to 193.0245,
9 inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act*** have the meanings ascribed to
10 them in those sections.

11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 193.1675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 193.1675 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.169,
13 any person who willfully violates any provision of NRS 200.280,
14 200.310, 200.366, 200.380, 200.400, 200.460 to 200.465, inclusive,
15 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 200.471, NRS 200.508,
16 200.5099 or subsection 2 of NRS 200.575 because the actual or
17 perceived race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental
18 disability, ~~or~~ sexual orientation ***or gender identity or expression***
19 of the victim was different from that characteristic of the perpetrator
20 may, in addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute
21 for the crime, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a
22 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
23 more than 20 years. In determining the length of any additional
24 penalty imposed, the court shall consider the following information:

- 25 (a) The facts and circumstances of the crime;
26 (b) The criminal history of the person;
27 (c) The impact of the crime on any victim;
28 (d) Any mitigating factors presented by the person; and
29 (e) Any other relevant information.

30 ↪ The court shall state on the record that it has considered the
31 information described in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, in
32 determining the length of any additional penalty imposed.

33 2. A sentence imposed pursuant to this section:

- 34 (a) Must not exceed the sentence imposed for the crime; and



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(b) Runs consecutively with the sentence prescribed by statute for the crime.

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. 4. NRS 207.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

207.185 Unless a greater penalty is provided by law, a person who, by reason of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, ~~for~~ sexual orientation *or gender identity or expression* of another person or group of persons, willfully violates any provision of NRS 200.471, 200.481, 200.5099, 200.571, 200.575, 203.010, 203.020, 203.030, 203.060, 203.080, 203.090, 203.100, 203.110, 203.119, 206.010, 206.040, 206.140, 206.200, 206.310, 207.180, 207.200 or 207.210 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. NRS 207.297 is hereby amended to read as follows:

207.297 As used in NRS 207.300 and 207.310:

1. "Disability" means, with respect to a person:

(a) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the person;

(b) A record of such an impairment; or

(c) Being regarded as having such an impairment.

2. "Familial status" means the fact that a person:

(a) Lives with a child under the age of 18 and has:

(1) Lawful custody of the child; or

(2) Written permission to live with the child from the person who has lawful custody of the child;

(b) Is pregnant; or

(c) Has begun a proceeding to adopt or otherwise obtain lawful custody of a child.

3. ~~"Gender identity or expression" means a gender-related identity, appearance, expression or behavior of a person, regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth.~~

~~4.~~ "Sexual orientation" means having or being perceived as having an orientation for heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality.

Sec. 6. NRS 41.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41.690 1. A person who has suffered injury as the proximate result of the willful violation of the provisions of NRS 200.280, 200.310, 200.366, 200.380, 200.400, 200.460, 200.463, 200.464, 200.465, 200.467, 200.468, 200.471, 200.481, 200.508, 200.5099, 200.571, 200.575, 203.010, 203.020, 203.030, 203.060, 203.080, 203.090, 203.100, 203.110, 203.119, 206.010, 206.040, 206.140, 206.200, 206.310, 207.180, 207.200 or 207.210 by a perpetrator who was motivated by the injured person's actual or perceived race,



1 color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability , ~~+~~~~+~~
2 sexual orientation *or gender identity or expression* may bring an
3 action for the recovery of his or her actual damages and any punitive
4 damages which the facts may warrant. If the person who has
5 suffered injury prevails in an action brought pursuant to this
6 subsection, the court shall award the person costs and reasonable
7 attorney's fees.

8 2. The liability imposed by this section is in addition to any
9 other liability imposed by law.

10 3. *As used in this section, "gender identity or expression" has*
11 *the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.*

12 **Sec. 7.** NRS 179A.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 179A.175 1. The Director of the Department shall establish
14 within the Central Repository a Program for Reporting Crimes that
15 manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, color, religion,
16 national origin, physical or mental disability , ~~+~~~~+~~ sexual orientation
17 ~~+~~~~+~~ *or gender identity or expression.*

18 2. The Program must be designed to collect, compile and
19 analyze statistical data about crimes that manifest evidence of
20 prejudice based on race, color, religion, national origin, physical or
21 mental disability , ~~+~~~~+~~ sexual orientation ~~+~~~~+~~ *or gender identity or*
22 *expression.* The Director shall adopt guidelines for the collection of
23 the statistical data, including, but not limited to, the criteria to
24 establish the presence of prejudice.

25 3. The Central Repository shall include in its annual report to
26 the Governor pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 179A.075, and in any
27 other appropriate report, an independent section relating solely to
28 the analysis of crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on
29 race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability ,
30 ~~+~~~~+~~ sexual orientation ~~+~~~~+~~ *or gender identity or expression.*

31 4. Data acquired pursuant to this section must be used only for
32 research or statistical purposes and must not contain any information
33 that may reveal the identity of an individual victim of a crime.

34 5. *As used in this section, "gender identity or expression" has*
35 *the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.*

