

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 373—ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 17, 2015

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing occupational diseases.
(BDR 53-534)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 public employees; revising the definition of the term “police officer” for the purpose of providing industrial insurance coverage for certain occupational diseases to a bailiff or deputy marshal of a municipal court; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law classifies certain diseases and health conditions contracted or developed by police officers as occupational diseases for purposes of coverage under industrial insurance and provides for certain presumptions regarding those diseases. (Chapter 617 of NRS) The term “police officer” is defined in existing law to include, among others, deputy sheriffs, officers of metropolitan police departments, game wardens and bailiffs and deputy marshals of district courts and justice courts. (NRS 617.135) This bill expands the definition of the term “police officer” to include a bailiff or deputy marshal of a municipal court, providing the bailiff or deputy marshal the same protections regarding certain occupational diseases as other peace officers in the State. Including these employees in this definition also extends certain other rights and privileges to them, including an exemption from jury service, the election of salary in lieu of compensation for an injury or disease in certain circumstances and the option of a survivor to continue medical benefits in certain circumstances. (NRS 6.020, 281.153, 287.021)

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

Section 1. NRS 617.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:
617.135 “Police officer” includes:



1 1. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, officer of a metropolitan police
2 department or city police officer;

3 2. A chief, inspector, supervisor, commercial officer or trooper
4 of the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public
5 Safety;

6 3. A chief, investigator or agent of the Investigation Division
7 of the Department of Public Safety;

8 4. A chief, supervisor, investigator or training officer of the
9 Training Division of the Department of Public Safety;

10 5. A chief or investigator of an office of the Department of
11 Public Safety that conducts internal investigations of employees of
12 the Department of Public Safety or investigates other issues relating
13 to the professional responsibility of those employees;

14 6. A chief or investigator of the Department of Public Safety
15 whose duties include, without limitation:

16 (a) The execution, administration or enforcement of the
17 provisions of chapter 179A of NRS; and

18 (b) The provision of technology support services to the Director
19 and the divisions of the Department of Public Safety;

20 7. An officer or investigator of the Section for the Control of
21 Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related
22 to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles;

23 8. An investigator of the Division of Compliance Enforcement
24 of the Department of Motor Vehicles;

25 9. A member of the police department of the Nevada System of
26 Higher Education;

27 10. A:

28 (a) Uniformed employee of; or

29 (b) Forensic specialist employed by,

30 ➔ the Department of Corrections whose position requires regular
31 and frequent contact with the offenders imprisoned and subjects the
32 employee to recall in emergencies;

33 11. A parole and probation officer of the Division of Parole
34 and Probation of the Department of Public Safety;

35 12. A forensic specialist or correctional officer employed by
36 the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of
37 Health and Human Services at facilities for mentally disordered
38 offenders;

39 13. The State Fire Marshal and his or her assistant and
40 deputies;

41 14. A game warden of the Department of Wildlife who has the
42 powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.280;

43 15. A ranger or employee of the Division of State Parks of the
44 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who has
45 the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.260; and



- 1 16. A bailiff or a deputy marshal of the district court , ~~for~~
2 justice court *or municipal court* whose duties require him or her to
3 carry a weapon and to make arrests.

