

SENATE BILL NO. 147—SENATORS PARKS,
MANENDO, WOODHOUSE; AND CARRILLO

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt certain policies relating to certain training for peace officers concerning dog behavior. (BDR 23-10)

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 peace officers; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt policies setting forth when a peace officer who is employed by the agency is required to be trained in effective responses to incidents involving dogs or where dogs are present; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires a peace officer to receive certain training as a condition of
2 his or her certification. (NRS 289.590, 289.600) This bill requires each law
3 enforcement agency to adopt policies setting forth when a peace officer who is
4 employed by the agency is required to be trained in effective responses to incidents
5 involving dogs or where dogs are present. In adopting the policies, a law
6 enforcement agency is required to consider the job descriptions, work environments
7 and duties of the peace officers.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 289 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Each law enforcement agency shall adopt policies setting*
4 *forth when a peace officer who is employed by the agency is*
5 *required to be trained in effective responses to incidents involving*
6 *dogs or where dogs are present.*



1 2. *In adopting the policies required by subsection 1, each law*
2 *enforcement agency must consider the job descriptions, work*
3 *environments and duties of the peace officers employed by the*
4 *agency.*

5 3. *Training for a peace officer who is required pursuant to*
6 *subsection 1 to be trained in effective responses to incidents*
7 *involving dogs or where dogs are present must include, without*
8 *limitation:*

9 (a) *Differentiating between aggressive and nonthreatening dog*
10 *behaviors;*

11 (b) *Nonlethal methods of handling potentially dangerous dogs;*

12 (c) *The role and capabilities of local animal control agencies;*
13 *and*

14 (d) *Any related subjects the Commission deems appropriate.*

15 4. *The Commission shall adopt regulations regarding the*
16 *minimum standards for training in effective responses to incidents*
17 *involving dogs or where dogs are present.*

18 Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

19 Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

