

SENATE BILL NO. 191—SENATOR BROWER

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the return of seized property. (BDR 14-204)

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 criminal procedure; revising provisions relating to the return of seized property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law sets forth a procedure by which a person who is aggrieved by an unlawful search and seizure of his or her property may move a court for the return of the property and the suppression of its use as evidence. (NRS 179.085) This bill establishes a procedure by which a person who is aggrieved by the seizure and deprivation of property under certain other circumstances may move a court for the return of the property.

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

- Section 1.** NRS 179.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 179.085 1. A person aggrieved by an unlawful search and seizure *or the deprivation of property* may move the court having jurisdiction where the property was seized for the return of the property. ~~and~~
2. *A person aggrieved by an unlawful search and seizure may move for the return of the property and* to suppress for use as evidence anything so obtained on the ground that:
- (a) The property was illegally seized without warrant;
  - (b) The warrant is insufficient on its face;
  - (c) There was not probable cause for believing the existence of the grounds on which the warrant was issued; or



(d) The warrant was illegally executed.

***3. A person aggrieved by the deprivation of property may move for the return of the property on any of the grounds set forth in subsection 2 or on the ground that the retention of the property by law enforcement is not reasonable under the totality of the circumstances.***

***4. The judge shall receive evidence on any issue of fact necessary to the decision of ~~the~~ a motion ~~to~~***

***~~2.~~ filed pursuant to this section.***

***5. If ~~the~~ a motion filed pursuant to subsection 2 is granted , the property ~~shall~~ must be restored ~~unless otherwise subject to lawful detention~~ and it ~~shall~~ must not be admissible evidence at any hearing or trial.***

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***6. If a motion filed pursuant to subsection 3 is granted, the property must be restored, but the court may impose reasonable conditions to protect access to the property and its use in later proceedings.***

***7. A motion to suppress evidence may also be made in the court where the trial is to be had. The motion ~~shall~~ must be made before trial or hearing unless opportunity therefor did not exist or the defendant was not aware of the grounds for the motion, but the court in its discretion may entertain the motion at the trial or hearing.***

***8. If a motion pursuant to this section is filed when no criminal proceeding is pending, the motion must be treated as a civil complaint seeking equitable relief.***

