Amendment No. 303

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 248	(BDR 2-1004)							
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Judiciary								
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: N	o Digest: Yes							

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) **red strikethrough** is deleted language in the original bill; (4) **purple double strikethrough** is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) **orange double underlining** is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

KMN/NCA Date: 4/16/2019

A.B. No. 248—Prohibits a settlement agreement from containing provisions that prohibit or restrict a party from disclosing certain information. (BDR 2-1004)

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 248—ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON, MONROE-MORENO, FLORES; JAUREGUI, NEAL, SPRINKLE, SWANK AND THOMPSON

MARCH 12, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits a settlement agreement from containing provisions that prohibit or restrict a party from disclosing certain information under certain circumstances. (BDR 2-1004)

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 [fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to settlement agreements; prohibiting settlement agreements from containing provisions that prohibit or restrict a party from disclosing certain information relating to conduct that would qualify as a sexual offense under certain circumstances or discrimination on the basis of sex or a retaliation claim thereof. under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill prohibits a settlement agreement from containing provisions that prohibit or restrict a party from disclosing certain information relating to a civil or administrative action, if such an action relates to conduct that would otherwise qualify as a sexual offense punishable as a felony under certain circumstances, discrimination on the basis of sex by an employer or a landlord or an act of retaliation by such an employer or a landlord for a claim of discrimination thereof. This bill makes any such provision void and unenforceable if it is contained within a settlement agreement entered into on or after July 1, 2019. This bill also prohibits a court from entering any order that prohibits or restricts the disclosure of such factual information.

This bill authorizes a claimant to request a provision within such a settlement agreement that shields his or her identity from public disclosure. If such a request is made, this bill requires the settlement agreement to contain a provision concerning the claimant's anonymity. This bill does not prohibit a settlement agreement from containing provisions that prohibit a party from disclosing the settlement amount. This bill also does not prohibit a court from determining the factual basis of the civil action. This bill exempts a settlement agreement that results from successful mediation or conciliation by the Nevada Equal Rights Commission from the requirements of this bill under certain circumstances.

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

Section 1. Chapter 10 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in NRS 233.190:

- 1. A settlement agreement must not contain a provision that prohibits or otherwise restricts a party from disclosing factual information relating to a claim in a civil or administrative action if the claim relates to any of the following:
- (a) Conduct that if criminal liability were imposed would constitute a sexual offense pursuant to NRS 179D.097 and would be punishable as a felony, regardless of whether there was a criminal investigation, prosecution or conviction of such conduct;
 - (b) Discrimination on the basis of sex by an employer or a landlord; or
- (c) Retaliation by an employer or a landlord against the claimant for his or her reporting of discrimination on the basis of sex.
- 2. If a settlement agreement is entered into on or after July 1, 2019, any provision in such an agreement that prohibits or otherwise restricts a party from disclosing factual information pursuant to subsection 1 is void and unenforceable.
- 3. A court shall not enter an order that prohibits or otherwise restricts the disclosure of factual information in a manner that conflicts with subsection 1.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, upon the request of the claimant, the settlement agreement must contain a provision that prohibits the disclosure of:
 - (a) The identity of the claimant; and
- (b) Any facts relating to the action that could lead to the disclosure of the identity of the claimant.
- 5. If a governmental agency or a public officer is a party to the settlement agreement pursuant to subsection 1, a claimant shall not request and the settlement agreement must not contain a provision pursuant to subsection 4.
 - 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:
- (a) A court from considering any pleading or other record to determine the factual basis of a civil claim pursuant to subsection 1; or
- (b) An entry or enforcement of a provision in a settlement agreement pursuant to subsection I that prohibits disclosure by a party of the settlement amount.
 - 7. As used in this section:
- (a) "Claimant" means a person who filed a claim in a civil action or an administrative action pursuant to subsection 1.
 - (b) "Employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 33.220.
- (c) "Landlord" means an owner of real property, or the owner's representative, who provides a dwelling unit on the real property for occupancy by another for valuable consideration.
 - **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.