Amendment No. 79

Assembly	(BDR 4-422)							
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Judiciary								
Amends:	Summary: No	Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No	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.

JDK/BAW : Date: 4/5/2021

A.B. No. 60—Makes certain provisions of a contract or settlement agreement void and unenforceable. (BDR 4-422)

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 60-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

Prefiled November 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes certain provisions of a contract or settlement agreement void and unenforceable. (BDR 4-422)

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 [formitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to witnesses; making provisions of a contract or settlement agreement that prohibit or restrict a party to the contract or settlement agreement from testifying at judicial or administrative proceedings concerning criminal conduct, [or] sexual harassment, discrimination or retaliation void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill provides that a provision of a contract or settlement agreement is void and unenforceable if the provision prohibits or restricts a party to the contract or settlement agreement from testifying at a judicial or administrative proceeding concerning another party to the contract or settlement agreement and his or her commission of criminal conduct, for sexual harassment, discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ancestry, familial status, age or sex, or retaliation for the reporting of such discrimination. Section 2 of this bill provides that such provisions are void and unenforceable if contained in a contract or settlement agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this bill. Section 1 does not apply to a settlement agreement that results from successful mediation or conciliation by the Nevada Equal Rights Commission within the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

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

Section 1. Chapter 50 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 233.190, a provision of a contract or settlement agreement is void and unenforceable if:
- (a) The provision prohibits or otherwise restricts a party to the contract or settlement agreement from testifying at a judicial or administrative proceeding

when the party has been required or requested to testify at the proceeding 2 pursuant to: (1) A court order; 4 (2) A lawful subpoena; or 5 (3) A written request by an administrative agency; and 6 (b) The judicial or administrative proceeding described in paragraph (a) 7 concerns another party to the contract or settlement agreement and his or her 8 commission of: 9 (1) A criminal offense; [or] (2) An act of sexual harassment, including, without limitation \(\mathre{\text{H}} \) 10 11 (I) Repeated, repeated, unsolicited verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature that is threatening in character; 12 13 (II) Discrimination 1 (3) An act of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national 14 15 origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ancestry, familial status, age or sex by an employer or a landlord; or 16 17 (III) Retaliation | 18 (4) An act of retaliation by an employer or a landlord against another

ancestry, familial status, age or sex.
2. As used in this section:

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- (a) "Employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 33.220.
- (b) "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.

person for the reporting of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color,

national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,

- **Sec. 2.** This act applies to any contract or settlement agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this act.
 - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.