

SENATE BILL NO. 47—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

PREFILED DECEMBER 15, 2010

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Clarifies the definition of “minor” for the purposes of certain criminal statutes. (BDR 15-121)

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 crimes; clarifying the definition of “minor” for the purposes of certain criminal statutes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 On July 30, 2009, the Fourth Judicial District Court, in and for the County of
2 Elko, held that the provisions of NRS 200.710 concerning the unlawful use of a
3 minor in producing pornography or as a subject of sexual portrayal in a
4 performance are unconstitutionally vague because it is unclear whether the term
5 “minor” means a person under 16 years of age or a person under 18 years of age.
6 (*State of Nevada v. Aaron Taylor Hughes*, Nev. Fourth Jud. Dist. Ct. Case No.
7 CR-FP-08-2848 (July 30, 2009))
8 This bill defines “minor,” as used in title 15 of NRS (Crimes and Punishments),
9 to mean a person who is under 18 years of age, except as otherwise defined by
10 specific statute.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 193 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 *Except as otherwise defined by specific statute, “minor” means*
4 *a person who is under 18 years of age.*
5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 193.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
6 193.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
7 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 193.011 to 193.0245,



- 1 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
- 2 them in those sections.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

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