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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 27—COMMITTEE  
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY, DIRECTOR’S OFFICE)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Expands the category of personnel of the Department of Public Safety upon whom the powers of a peace officer are conferred. (BDR 23-335)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to peace officers; expanding the category of personnel of the Department of Public Safety upon whom the powers of a peace officer are conferred; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law confers the powers of a peace officer upon certain personnel of the  
2 Department of Public Safety, including personnel assigned in a sworn position to  
3 any division of the Department whose principal duty is to enforce one or more laws  
4 of this State, and any person promoted from such a duty to a supervisory position  
5 related to such a duty. (NRS 289.270) This bill removes the requirement that such  
6 personnel have a principal duty to enforce one or more laws of this State.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 289.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 289.270 1. The following persons have the powers of a peace  
3 officer:  
4 (a) The Director of the Department of Public Safety.  
5 (b) The chiefs of the divisions of the Department of Public  
6 Safety.



1 (c) The deputy directors of the Department of Public Safety  
2 employed pursuant to NRS 480.120.

3 (d) The personnel of the Department of Public Safety assigned  
4 in a sworn position to any division of the Department . ~~whose  
5 principal duty is to enforce one or more laws of this State, and any  
6 person promoted from such a duty to a supervisory position related  
7 to such a duty.~~

8 (e) Members of the State Disaster Identification Team of the  
9 Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public  
10 Safety who are, pursuant to NRS 414.270, activated by the Chief of  
11 the Division to perform the duties of the State Disaster Identification  
12 Team have the powers of peace officers in carrying out those duties.

13 2. Administrators and investigators of the Division of  
14 Compliance Enforcement of the Department of Motor Vehicles have  
15 the powers of a peace officer to enforce any law of the State of  
16 Nevada in carrying out their duties pursuant to NRS 481.048.

17 3. Officers and investigators of the Section for the Control of  
18 Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related  
19 to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles,  
20 appointed pursuant to NRS 481.0481, have the powers of peace  
21 officers in carrying out their duties under that section.

22 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

