

SENATE BILL NO. 208—SENATOR KIHUEN

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises the definition of “police officer” primarily for purposes of certain provisions relating to occupational diseases. (BDR 53-875)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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.

AN ACT relating to police officers; revising the definition of “police officer” to include court bailiffs and deputy marshals in district courts and justice courts primarily for purposes of certain provisions relating to occupational diseases; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, court bailiffs and deputy marshals in district courts and
2 justice courts are not included in the statutory definition of “police officer” for
3 purposes of certain provisions relating to the Nevada Occupational Diseases Act.
4 (NRS 617.135) This bill expands the definition of “police officer” to include such
5 persons, thereby making those provisions of the Act that are applicable to police
6 officers also applicable to court bailiffs and deputy marshals in district courts and
7 justice courts. Furthermore, because various other provisions of NRS reference
8 “police officer” as that term is defined in the Act, this bill makes applicable to court
9 bailiffs and deputy marshals in district courts and justice courts certain provisions
10 concerning: (1) industrial insurance coverage; (2) exemption from service as grand
11 or trial jurors; (3) compensation for police officers with temporary disabilities; and
12 (4) certain programs of group insurance or other medical or hospital service for the
13 surviving spouse or any child of police officers and firefighters. (NRS 6.020,
14 281.153, 287.021, 287.0477, chapters 616A-616D of NRS)

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 617.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 617.135 “Police officer” includes:



- 1 1. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, officer of a metropolitan police
2 department or city police officer;
- 3 2. A chief, inspector, supervisor, commercial officer or trooper
4 of the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public
5 Safety;
- 6 3. A chief, investigator or agent of the Investigation Division
7 of the Department of Public Safety;
- 8 4. A chief, supervisor, investigator or training officer of the
9 Training Division of the Department of Public Safety;
- 10 5. A chief or investigator of an office of the Department of
11 Public Safety that conducts internal investigations of employees of
12 the Department of Public Safety or investigates other issues relating
13 to the professional responsibility of those employees;
- 14 6. A chief or investigator of the Department of Public Safety
15 whose duties include, without limitation:
 - 16 (a) The execution, administration or enforcement of the
17 provisions of chapter 179A of NRS; and
 - 18 (b) The provision of technology support services to the Director
19 and the divisions of the Department of Public Safety;
- 20 7. An officer or investigator of the Section for the Control of
21 Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related
22 to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- 23 8. An investigator of the Division of Compliance Enforcement
24 of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- 25 9. A member of the police department of the Nevada System of
26 Higher Education;
- 27 10. A:
 - 28 (a) Uniformed employee of; or
 - 29 (b) Forensic specialist employed by,
30 ↪ the Department of Corrections whose position requires regular
31 and frequent contact with the offenders imprisoned and subjects the
32 employee to recall in emergencies;
- 33 11. A parole and probation officer of the Division of Parole
34 and Probation of the Department of Public Safety;
- 35 12. A forensic specialist or correctional officer employed by
36 the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the
37 Department of Health and Human Services at facilities for mentally
38 disordered offenders;
- 39 13. The State Fire Marshal and his or her assistant and
40 deputies;
- 41 14. A game warden of the Department of Wildlife who has the
42 powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.280; ~~and~~
- 43 15. A ranger or employee of the Division of State Parks of the
44 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who has
45 the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.260 ~~+~~; *and*



- 1 *16. A bailiff or a deputy marshal of the district court or*
- 2 *justice court whose duties require him or her to carry a weapon*
- 3 *and to make arrests.*

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