

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.

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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 and chiefs and assistant alternative sentencing officers of departments of alternative sentencing primarily for purposes of certain provisions relating to occupational diseases; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law defines “police officer” to include various law enforcement  
2 officers in this State for purposes of certain provisions relating to the Nevada  
3 Occupational Diseases Act. (NRS 617.135) This bill expands the definition of  
4 “police officer” to include: (1) court bailiffs and deputy marshals in district courts  
5 and justice courts; and (2) chiefs and assistant alternative sentencing officers of  
6 departments of alternative sentencing. Furthermore, because various other  
7 provisions of NRS reference “police officer” as that term is defined in the Act, this  
8 bill makes applicable to court bailiffs and deputy marshals in district courts and  
9 justice courts and to chiefs and alternative sentencing officers of departments of  
10 alternative sentencing certain provisions concerning: (1) industrial insurance  
11 coverage; (2) exemption from service as grand or trial jurors; (3) compensation for  
12 police officers with temporary disabilities; and (4) certain programs of group  
13 insurance or other medical or hospital service for the surviving spouse or any child  
14 of police officers and firefighters. (NRS 6.020, 281.153, 287.021, 287.0477,  
15 chapters 616A-616D of NRS)

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



- 1       14. A game warden of the Department of Wildlife who has the  
2 powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.280; ~~and~~  
3       15. A ranger or employee of the Division of State Parks of the  
4 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who has  
5 the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.260 ~~+~~;  
6       16. *A bailiff or a deputy marshal of the district court or*  
7 *justice court whose duties require him or her to carry a weapon*  
8 *and to make arrests; and*  
9       17. *A chief or an assistant alternative sentencing officer of a*  
10 *department of alternative sentencing created pursuant to*  
11 *NRS 211A.080.*

