

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dini
Mr. Marvel
Mr. Fitzpatrick
Mrs. Westall
Mr. Harmon
Mr. Craddock
Dr. Robinson
Mr. Jeffrey
Mr. Getto
Mr. Bedrosian
Mr. Bergevin

GUESTS PRESENT

See Guest List attached

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Chairman Dini called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

AB 604 - EXTENDS POWERS OF SECURITY OFFICERS OF
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU AS PEACE
OFFICERS

SPEAKER PAUL MAY, A.D. 19, Clark County

Mr. May advised the Committee that there was concern about the lack of body searches and lack of security upon entrance to the back areas of the Legislative Building. Mr. May stated he had asked Mr. Palmer and Art Gionta to review the security system in the Legislative Building. Mr. May advised the Committee they have arranged with the prison for the loan of a professional metal detector and installation of video cameras for the backside of the Building and persons may be monitored entering the Building. He also stated they were in the process of getting a card system as opposed to keys for entry and were compiling figures on same. Mr. May stated the thrust of the Bill was on page 3, section 23; security officers at the Legislative Building at the moment may only protect the persons and property of the members of the Legislature and staff; they may not protect the person or property of visitors and may not protect the public property of the physical building itself. Mr. May stated there is a lack of authority which is badly needed and that is the purpose for the Bill, and Mr. May requested that if it receive favorable consideration that it be enacted as an emergency measure.

Dr. Robinson inquired whether it addressed itself to early retirement and Mr. Gionta, who was present, responded it did not.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 604 - Mr. Marvel moved DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Shatzman
Assembly Attache

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AB 604

SUMMARY--Extends powers of security officers of legislative counsel bureau as peace officers. (BDR 14-1641)

Fiscal Note: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

AN ACT relating to security officers of the legislative counsel bureau; extending the powers as peace officers in certain cases; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. NRS 169.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

169.125 "Peace officer" includes:

1. The bailiff of the supreme court and bailiffs of the district courts, justices' courts and municipal courts;
2. Sheriffs of counties and of metropolitan police departments and their deputies;
3. Constables;
4. Personnel of the Nevada highway patrol when exercising the police powers specified in NRS 481.150 and 481.130;
5. The inspector or field agents of the motor carrier division of the department of motor vehicles when exercising the police powers specified in NRS 481.049;
6. Members of and all inspectors employed by the public service commission of Nevada when exercising those enforcement powers conferred by chapters 704 to 706, inclusive, of NRS;
7. Marshals and policemen of cities and towns;
8. Parole and probation officers;
9. Special investigators employed by the office of any district attorney or the attorney general;
10. Arson investigators for fire departments specially designated by the appointing authority;
11. Members of the University of Nevada System police department;

12. The state fire marshal and his deputies;
13. The brand inspectors of the state department of agriculture when exercising the enforcement powers conferred in chapter 565 of NRS;
14. Arson investigators for the state forester firewarden specially designated by the appointing authority;
15. The deputy director, superintendents, correctional officers and other employees of the department of prisons when carrying out any duties prescribed by the director of the department of prisons;
16. Division of state parks employees designated by the administrator of the division of state parks in the state department of conservation and natural resources when exercising police powers specified in NRS 407.065;
17. Security officers employed by the board of trustees of any school district;
18. The executive, supervisory and investigative [personnel] employees of the Nevada gaming commission and the state gaming control board when exercising the enforcement powers specified in NRS 463.140 or when investigating a violation of a provision of chapter 205 of NRS in the form of a crime against the property of a gaming licensee;
19. The director, division chiefs, investigators, agents and other sworn personnel of the department of law enforcement assistance;
20. Field dealer inspectors of the vehicle compliance and enforcement section of the registration division of the department of motor vehicles when exercising the police powers specified in NRS 481.048;
21. Vehicle emission control officers of the vehicle emission control section of the registration division of the department of motor vehicles when exercising the police powers specified in NRS 481.0481;

22. The personnel of the Nevada department of fish and game when exercising those enforcement powers conferred by Title 45 and chapter 488 of NRS; and

23. Security officers of the legislature of the State of Nevada when protecting the persons and property of the members of the legislature, staff of the legislature, visitors to the legislature, and personnel of the legislative counsel bureau [.] making an arrest for a violation of NRS 218.542, and protecting public property or maintaining order in the legislative building or on legislative grounds.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.