

SENATE BILL NO. 20—SENATOR NEAL

PREFILED JANUARY 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Provides that peace officer who engages in racial profiling is guilty of misdemeanor. (BDR 23-42)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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 racial profiling; providing that a peace officer who engages in racial profiling is guilty of a misdemeanor; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 289.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 289.820 1. A peace officer shall not engage in racial
- 3 profiling. *A peace officer who violates the provisions of this*
- 4 *subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.*
- 5 2. No retaliatory or punitive action may be taken against a
- 6 peace officer who discloses information concerning racial profiling
- 7 ~~engaged in by another peace officer.~~
- 8 3. For purposes of this section, “racial profiling” means
- 9 reliance by a peace officer upon the race, ethnicity or national origin
- 10 of a person as a factor in initiating action when the race, ethnicity or
- 11 national origin of the person is not part of an identifying description
- 12 of a specific suspect for a specific crime.

