

SENATE BILL NO. 344—SENATORS NEAL AND AMODEI

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases compensation of officers of Nevada Highway Patrol. (BDR 23-904)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 the Nevada Highway Patrol; requiring the Director of the Department of Personnel to calculate the average salaries of certain law enforcement personnel; requiring the proposed budget of the Department of Public Safety to include salaries for officers of the Nevada Highway Patrol which are based on those calculations; making appropriations to increase the salaries of the officers of the Nevada Highway Patrol; 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.** Chapter 284 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2     thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 3     1. *The Director shall calculate the respective average salaries*
- 4     *as of July 1 of each even-numbered year of all police officers of*
- 5     *equivalent rank employed by:*
- 6     (a) *Law enforcement agencies of cities whose population is*
- 7     *60,000 or more;*
- 8     (b) *Law enforcement agencies of counties whose population is*
- 9     *100,000 or more; and*
- 10    (c) *Metropolitan police departments formed pursuant to*
- 11    *chapter 280 of NRS in counties whose population is 100,000 or*
- 12    *more.*



1       2. *The Director shall forward the figures of the average*  
2 *salaries calculated pursuant to this section to the Chief of the*  
3 *Budget Division of the Department of Administration and the*  
4 *Director of the Department of Public Safety not later than July 15*  
5 *of each even-numbered year.*

6       **Sec. 2.** Chapter 353 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
7 thereto a new section to read as follows:

8       1. *In preparing the proposed biennial budget for the*  
9 *Department of Public Safety, the Director of the Department shall*  
10 *set the respective salaries of the officers of the Nevada Highway*  
11 *Patrol at amounts which:*

12       (a) *For the first year of the biennium, are equal to or greater*  
13 *than the average salary of police officers of equivalent rank as*  
14 *calculated by the Director of the Department of Personnel*  
15 *pursuant to section 1 of this act; and*

16       (b) *For the second year of the biennium, are equal to the*  
17 *respective amounts proposed pursuant to paragraph (a), plus an*  
18 *adjustment for inflation, if any. The amounts of the adjustments*  
19 *must be determined by multiplying the respective amounts*  
20 *established pursuant to paragraph (a) by the percentage of*  
21 *increase, if any. The Consumer Price Index published by the*  
22 *United States Department of Labor for July preceding each*  
23 *biennium must be used to determine the percentage of inflation.*

24       2. *In preparing the proposed executive budget, the Chief shall*  
25 *ensure that the salaries of the officers of the Nevada Highway*  
26 *Patrol, as included in the proposed budget of the Department of*  
27 *Public Safety, are established in accordance with the provisions of*  
28 *subsection 1.*

29       **Sec. 3.** NRS 353.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
30       353.150 NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, *and section 2 of*  
31 *this act*, may be cited as the State Budget Act.

32       **Sec. 4.** 1. The Department of Personnel shall increase the  
33 level of compensation of all uniformed positions in the Nevada  
34 Highway Patrol to that of similar positions of the Las Vegas  
35 Metropolitan Police Department.

36       2. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund  
37 to the State Board of Examiners to increase the level of  
38 compensation of all uniformed positions in the Nevada Highway  
39 Patrol pursuant to subsection 1:

40       For the Fiscal Year 2003-2004..... \$6,079,736  
41       For the Fiscal Year 2004-2005..... \$6,192,195

42       3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to  
43 the State Board of Examiners to increase the level of compensation  
44 of all uniformed positions in the Nevada Highway Patrol pursuant to  
45 subsection 1:



1           For the Fiscal Year 2003-2004..... \$107,710  
2           For the Fiscal Year 2004-2005..... \$110,112  
3       4. Any balance of the money appropriated by subsections 2 and  
4       3 for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 does not revert to the fund from  
5       which it was appropriated, but must be carried forward to the next  
6       fiscal year.  
7       5. Any balance of the money appropriated by subsections 2 and  
8       3 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2005, and  
9       reverts to the fund from which it was appropriated as soon as all  
10       payments of money committed have been made.  
11       **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

