
SENATE BILL NO. 136—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE)

FEBRUARY 25, 2005

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions of Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction on the Colorado River. (BDR 14-402)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 criminal procedure; revising the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction on the Colorado River to grant certain law enforcement officers concurrent jurisdiction to arrest offenders for prohibited conduct in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction on the Colorado
2 River gives courts and law enforcement officers in adjoining states that have
3 enacted the Compact concurrent jurisdiction to arrest, prosecute and try offenders
4 for prohibited conduct committed anywhere on the Colorado River, or any lake
5 formed by or a part of the Colorado River, if such conduct is prohibited in both
6 adjoining states. (NRS 171.079)
7 This bill gives law enforcement officers in adjoining states concurrent
8 jurisdiction to arrest offenders for prohibited conduct committed on any land within
9 5 air miles of the Colorado River or any lake formed by or a part of the Colorado
10 River.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 171.079 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 171.079 The Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction on the
3 Colorado River is as follows:



ARTICLE I—Purpose and Policy

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3 1. The legislature finds that law enforcement has been impaired
4 in sections of the Colorado River forming an interstate boundary
5 because of difficulty in determining precisely where a criminal act
6 was committed.

7 2. The legislature intends that a person committing an act
8 which is illegal in both states not be freed merely because neither
9 state could establish that a crime was committed within its
10 boundaries.

11 3. The Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction on the Colorado
12 River is enacted to provide for enforcement of the laws of this state
13 with regard to certain acts committed on the Colorado River, or any
14 lake formed by or a part of the Colorado River, on either side of the
15 boundary line with an adjoining state.

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17 **ARTICLE II—Definitions**

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19 As used in this compact, unless the context otherwise requires,
20 “party state” means a state which has enacted this compact.

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22 **ARTICLE III—Concurrent Jurisdiction**

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24 1. If conduct is prohibited by two adjoining party states, courts
25 and law enforcement officers in either state who have jurisdiction
26 over criminal offenses committed in a county where the Colorado
27 River, or any lake formed by or a part of the Colorado River, forms
28 a common interstate boundary have concurrent jurisdiction to arrest,
29 prosecute and try offenders for the prohibited conduct committed
30 anywhere on the body of water forming a boundary between the two
31 states ~~and~~ *and concurrent jurisdiction to arrest offenders for the*
32 *prohibited conduct committed on any land mass within 5 air miles*
33 *of the Colorado River or any lake formed by or a part of the*
34 *Colorado River.*

35 2. This compact does not authorize:

36 (a) Prosecution of any person for conduct which is lawful in the
37 state where it was committed.

38 (b) Any conduct prohibited by a party state.

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40 **ARTICLE IV—Ratification**

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42 This compact is ratified by enactment of the language of this
43 compact, or substantially similar language expressing the same



1 purpose, by at least two states of which the Colorado River forms a
2 common boundary.

3 **Sec. 2.** The Governor shall notify the appropriate officers in
4 the states that are a party to the Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction
5 on the Colorado River of the amendment and ratification by this
6 State of that compact.



