
SENATE BILL NO. 242—SENATOR BUCK

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits targeted residential picketing.
(BDR 15-937)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
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 crimes; prohibiting targeted residential picketing; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law prohibits certain conduct relating to disturbing the peace,
2 including, without limitation: (1) disturbing the peace or quiet of any neighborhood,
3 person or family by loud or unusual noises or by tumultuous and offensive conduct;
4 (2) assembling to disturb the peace or commit an unlawful act; and (3) provoking
5 another person to commit a breach of the peace. (NRS 203.010, 203.020, 202.030)
6 This bill: (1) prohibits the act of targeted residential picketing; (2) sets forth the
7 specific elements of the crime of targeted residential picketing; and (3) provides
8 that a person who commits the crime of targeted residential picketing is guilty of a
9 misdemeanor.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 203 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:*



1 (a) *The protection and preservation of the home is the*
2 *keystone of democratic government.*

3 (b) *The public health and welfare and the good order of the*
4 *community require that members of the community enjoy a feeling*
5 *of well-being, tranquility and privacy in their homes and, when*
6 *absent from their homes, that they carry with them the sense of*
7 *security inherent in the assurance that they may return to the*
8 *enjoyment of their homes.*

9 (c) *There is a significant governmental interest in protecting*
10 *the sanctity, well-being, tranquility and privacy of the home.*

11 (d) *The enactment of this statute is necessary to protect the*
12 *sanctity, well-being, tranquility and privacy of the home while still*
13 *preserving ample alternative channels of communication for the*
14 *dissemination of an opinion or message that is protected under the*
15 *First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 9*
16 *of Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution.*

17 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person is*
18 *guilty of targeted residential picketing if the person engages in*
19 *picketing, with or without sound amplification devices, signs or*
20 *banners, which is targeted, directed or focused toward a specific*
21 *residence or one or more occupants of a specific residence and*
22 *which takes place:*

23 (a) *On the portion of a sidewalk or street in front of the*
24 *targeted residence, in front of a residence adjoining the targeted*
25 *residence or on either side of the targeted residence; or*

26 (b) *Within 100 feet of the property line of the targeted*
27 *residence.*

28 3. *This section does not apply to:*

29 (a) *The picketing by a natural person of his or her own*
30 *residence; or*

31 (b) *The picketing of a meeting place or area of assembly that is*
32 *commonly used to discuss subjects of general public interest.*

33 4. *A person who violates this section is guilty of a*
34 *misdemeanor.*

35 5. *As used in this section:*

36 (a) *“Picketing” means the stationing or posting of one or more*
37 *natural persons who have the specific intent to harass, annoy or*
38 *alarm one or more other natural persons by conveying an opinion*
39 *or message verbally, by standing or marching with signs or*
40 *banners or by using another means of displaying an opinion or*
41 *message.*

42 (b) *“Residence” means any single-family, duplex or multi-*
43 *family dwelling unit that is not being used as:*

44 (1) *The sole place of business of an occupant; or*



1 *(2) A place for a public meeting.*

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