SENATE BILL NO. 169-SENATOR DOÑATE

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Prohibits a third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider from engaging in certain activities. (BDR 52-627)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to trade practices; prohibiting a third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider from engaging in certain activities; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill enacts certain provisions relating to a third-party restaurant reservation service platform, which this bill defines as an Internet website, online service or mobile application which offers or arranges for a reservation for on-premises service for a customer at a food dispensing establishment and which is owned and operated by a person other than the person who owns the food dispensing establishment. This bill also defines "third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider" to mean a person who operates a third-party restaurant reservation service platform.

9 This bill prohibits a third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider 10 from listing, advertising, promoting or selling a reservation for on-premises service 11 for a customer at a food dispensing establishment through the third-party restaurant 12 reservation service platform of the provider unless the provider has entered into a 13 written agreement with the food dispensing establishment or a designee of the food 14 dispensing establishment that expressly authorizes the provider to engage in such activities. This bill provides that a third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider who violates that prohibition is subject to a civil penalty of 15 16 17 \$1,000 per day for the violation, recoverable by the Attorney General or district 18 attorney in a civil action.





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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 597 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. A third-party restaurant reservation service platform provider shall not list, advertise, promote or sell a reservation for 4 on-premises service for a customer at a food dispensing 5 establishment through the third-party restaurant reservation 6 service platform of the provider unless the provider has entered 7 into a written agreement with either the food dispensing 8 9 establishment or a person to whom the food dispensing establishment has, by contract, provided the authority to enter into 10 such written agreements that expressly authorizes the provider to 11 engage in such activities. 12

2. A third-party restaurant reservation service platform 13 14 provider who violates the provisions of subsection 1 is subject to a 15 civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per day of the violation, and each day's continuance of the violation constitutes a separate and 16 17 distinct violation. The Attorney General or any district attorney of this State may recover the penalty in a civil action brought in the 18 name of the State of Nevada in any court of competent 19 20 jurisdiction.

21 **3.** As used in this section:

(a) "Food dispensing establishment" has the meaning ascribed
 to it in NRS 597.7629.

(b) "Third-party restaurant reservation service platform"
means an Internet website, online service or mobile application
which offers or arranges a reservation for on-premises service for
a customer at a food dispensing establishment and which is owned
and operated by a person other than the person who owns the food
dispensing establishment.

30 (c) "Third-party restaurant reservation service platform 31 provider" or "provider" means a person who operates a third-32 party restaurant reservation service platform.

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