

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 127—ASSEMBLYMEN COHEN,
FUMO; BACKUS, SWANK AND WATTS

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing testimony before governmental bodies. (BDR 19-272)

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 government affairs; requiring a person who testifies before a governmental body and receives or expects to receive compensation for his or her testimony to state that fact before commencing such testimony; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill prohibits any person who testifies before a governmental body and has
2 received or reasonably expects to receive monetary compensation for his or her
3 testimony from commencing such testimony before stating that fact clearly on the
4 record.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 237 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person who*
4 *testifies before a governmental body and has received or*
5 *reasonably expects to receive monetary compensation for his or*
6 *her testimony shall not commence such testimony before stating*
7 *that fact clearly on the record.*

8 *2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person*
9 *who testifies before a governmental body pursuant to subpoena*
10 *and receives the same fees and mileage as are paid to witnesses in*
11 *the courts of this State.*



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

2 **(a) "Governmental body" means any administrative, advisory,**
3 **executive or legislative body of the State or a local government**
4 **including, without limitation, any board, commission, committee,**
5 **subcommittee or other subsidiary thereof.**

6 **(b) "Person" means a natural person. The term includes,**
7 **without limitation, a lobbyist as defined in NRS 218H.080.**

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