## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 168–ASSEMBLYMEN WHEELER, ELLISON, DICKMAN, O'NEILL, TITUS; HANSEN AND MATTHEWS

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS GOICOECHEA, SETTELMEYER; HANSEN, HARDY AND PICKARD

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to riots. (BDR 15-518)

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: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to crimes; increasing the penalties for certain crimes committed during a riot; increasing the penalty for harassment if committed during a riot under certain circumstances; making it unlawful to provide material support for certain assemblies, a rout or riot under certain circumstances; increasing the penalties when seven or more persons assemble for certain purposes or commit a rout or riot; making it unlawful to engage in racketeering activity in furtherance of certain assemblies, a rout or riot; limiting the civil liability for injuries or death resulting from certain activities related to certain assemblies, a rout or riot; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law provides that a person is guilty of: (1) a gross misdemeanor if the person, other than a prisoner, commits an assault upon an officer; and (2) a category B felony if the person commits an assault upon an officer with the use of a deadly weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon. (NRS 200.471) **Section 1** of this bill increases the penalty from a gross misdemeanor to a category E felony if the assault is committed upon an officer during a riot.





Existing law also provides that a person is guilty of: (1) a misdemeanor if the person commits a battery other than child abuse, the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon and there is no substantial bodily harm to the victim; (2) a category B felony if the person commits a battery upon an officer which causes substantial bodily harm or is committed by strangulation; and (3) a gross misdemeanor if the person commits a battery upon an officer and the person knew or should have known that the victim was an officer. (NRS 200.481) Section 2 of this bill increases the penalties: (1) from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor if the battery is committed during a riot; and (2) from a gross misdemeanor to a category E felony if the battery is committed during a riot upon an officer who is performing his or her duty and the person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer.

Existing law provides that a person who, without lawful authority, knowingly threatens certain actions against another person and the person receiving such a threat has reasonable fear that the threat will be carried out, is guilty of the crime of harassment. Existing law makes harassment punishable as a misdemeanor for the first offense and as a gross misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. (NRS 200.571) **Section 3** of this bill makes the crime of harassment punishable as a category E felony if the crime occurs: (1) during a riot; and (2) at a public accommodation, which includes certain establishments that provide transient lodging and restaurants, among other places.

Existing law makes it unlawful to knowingly or intentionally provide certain material support with the intent that such support be used to commit, cause, aid, further or conceal an act of terrorism. (NRS 202.445) **Section 4** of this bill makes it unlawful to knowingly or intentionally provide certain material support with the intent that such support be used to: (1) assemble for certain unlawful purposes; or (2) commit a rout or riot.

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for two or more persons to assemble for the purpose of disturbing the public peace, or committing any unlawful act, if the persons do not disperse under certain circumstances. (NRS 203.020) **Section 5** of this bill makes it a category E felony for seven or more persons to assemble for such purposes, without dispersing, under certain circumstances.

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for two or more persons to assemble together to commit an unlawful act, but who separate without committing or advancing toward the act. (NRS 203.060) **Section 6** of this bill makes it a category E felony for seven or more persons to assemble together for such purposes.

Existing law also makes it: (1) a rout, punishable as a misdemeanor, for two or more persons to meet to commit an unlawful act, upon a common cause of quarrel, and to advance toward the act; and (2) a riot, punishable as a misdemeanor, for two or more persons to commit an unlawful act of violence, either with or without a common cause of quarrel, or to commit a lawful act, in a violent, tumultuous and illegal manner. (NRS 203.070) **Section 7** of this bill makes it a category E felony for seven or more persons to commit a rout or riot.

Existing law makes it unlawful, proportionate to the value of the property, for any persons unlawfully assembled to pull down, damage or destroy certain property. (NRS 206.010) **Section 8** of this bill makes it a category E felony for any persons to commit such acts during a riot.

Existing law makes it a gross misdemeanor to vandalize, place graffiti on, deface or otherwise damage: (1) a place of religious worship; (2) a facility used for the purpose of burial or memorializing the dead; or (3) a school, educational facility, transportation facility, public transportation vehicle or community center. (NRS 206.125) **Section 9** of this bill makes it a category E felony to vandalize, place graffiti on, deface or otherwise damage such property during a riot.



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Existing law establishes various crimes relating to racketeering activity. (NRS 207.400) **Section 10** of this bill makes it unlawful to engage in racketeering activity in furtherance of certain unlawful assemblies, a rout or riot.

Existing law provides immunity from civil liability to certain persons for a bodily injury or death resulting under certain circumstances. (Chapter 41 of NRS) **Section 11** of this bill creates immunity from civil liability for certain persons who are driving a motor vehicle and cause bodily injury or death to another person who is unlawfully obstructing any road, street or alley during certain unlawful assemblies, a rout or riot. **Section 13** of this bill provides that **section 11** does not apply to a cause of action or claim arising from an injury or death that occurs before October 1, 2021.

Existing law prohibits a person from obstructing any road, street or alley and makes such an offense punishable as a misdemeanor. (NRS 405.230) **Section 12** of this bill increases the penalty to a category E felony, if a person obstructs any road, street or alley during certain unlawful assemblies, a rout or riot.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 200.471 is hereby amended to read as follows: 200.471 1. As used in this section:

(a) "Assault" means:

- (1) Unlawfully attempting to use physical force against another person; or
- (2) Intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of immediate bodily harm.
- (b) "Fire-fighting agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 239B.020.
  - (c) "Officer" means:
- (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a peace officer;
- (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;
  - (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;
- (4) A jailer, guard or other correctional officer of a city or county jail;
- (5) A prosecuting attorney of an agency or political subdivision of the United States or of this State;
- (6) A justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals, district judge, justice of the peace, municipal judge, magistrate, court commissioner, master or referee, including a person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed in this subparagraph;
- (7) An employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the employee to make home visits;
- (8) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a law enforcement agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:





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(II) Perform tasks related to law enforcement; and

(III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for the law enforcement agency;

(9) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a fire-fighting agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:

(I) Interact with the public;

- (II) Perform tasks related to fire fighting or fire prevention; and
- (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for the fire-fighting agency; or
- (10) A civilian employee or volunteer of this State or a political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:
  - (I) Interact with the public;
  - (II) Perform tasks related to code enforcement; and
- (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for this State or a political subdivision of this State.
- (d) "Provider of health care" means a physician, a medical student, a perfusionist or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS, a practitioner of respiratory care, a homeopathic physician, an advanced practitioner of homeopathy, a homeopathic assistant, an osteopathic physician, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS, a podiatric physician, a podiatry hygienist, a physical therapist, a medical laboratory technician, an optometrist, a chiropractor, chiropractor's assistant, a doctor of Oriental medicine, a nurse, a student nurse, a certified nursing assistant, a nursing assistant trainee, a medication aide - certified, a dentist, a dental student, a dental hygienist, a dental hygienist student, a pharmacist, a pharmacy student, an intern pharmacist, an attendant on an ambulance or air ambulance, a psychologist, a social worker, a marriage and family therapist, a marriage and family therapist intern, a clinical professional counselor, a clinical professional counselor intern, a licensed dietitian, the holder of a license or a limited license issued under the provisions of chapter 653 of NRS, an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician and a paramedic.
- (e) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS 391.100 or 391.281.





- (f) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 41.630.
- (g) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 41.630.
  - (h) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.
  - (i) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.
- (j) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.
  - 2. A person convicted of an assault shall be punished:
- (a) If paragraph (c) or (d) does not apply to the circumstances of the crime and the assault is not made with the use of a deadly weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a misdemeanor.
- (b) If the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.
- (c) If paragraph (d) does not apply to the circumstances of the crime and if the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver, a transit operator or a sports official, for a gross misdemeanor, unless [the]:
- (1) The assault is committed upon an officer during a riot as described in subsection 2 of NRS 203.070, for a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130; or
- (2) The assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.
- (d) If the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event by a probationer, a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, and the probationer, prisoner or parolee charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver, a transit operator or a sports official, for a category D felony as provided in





NRS 193.130, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

- **Sec. 2.** NRS 200.481 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 200.481 1. As used in this section:
- (a) "Battery" means any willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another.
  - (b) "Child" means a person less than 18 years of age.
- (c) "Fire-fighting agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 239B.020.
  - (d) "Officer" means:

- (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a peace officer;
- (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;
  - (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;
- (4) A jailer, guard, matron or other correctional officer of a city or county jail or detention facility;
- (5) A prosecuting attorney of an agency or political subdivision of the United States or of this State;
- (6) A justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals, district judge, justice of the peace, municipal judge, magistrate, court commissioner, master or referee, including, without limitation, a person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed in this subparagraph;
- (7) An employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the employee to make home visits:
- (8) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a law enforcement agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:
  - (I) Interact with the public;
  - (II) Perform tasks related to law enforcement; and
- (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for the law enforcement agency;
- (9) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a fire-fighting agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:
  - (I) Interact with the public;
- (II) Perform tasks related to fire fighting or fire prevention; and





- (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for the fire-fighting agency; or
- (10) A civilian employee or volunteer of this State or a political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:
  - (I) Interact with the public;

- (II) Perform tasks related to code enforcement; and
- (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for this State or a political subdivision of this State.
- (e) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.471.
- (f) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS 391.100 or 391.281.
- (g) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 41.630.
- (h) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 41.630.
- (i) "Strangulation" means intentionally impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the throat or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of another person in a manner that creates a risk of death or substantial bodily harm.
  - (j) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.
  - (k) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.
- (l) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 200.485, a person convicted of a battery, other than a battery committed by an adult upon a child which constitutes child abuse, shall be punished:
- (a) If the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon, and no substantial bodily harm to the victim results, except under circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section or NRS 197.090 [.]:
- (1) If committed during a riot as described in subsection 2 of NRS 203.070, for a gross misdemeanor; or
- (2) If committed in a manner other than as described in subparagraph (1), for a misdemeanor.
- (b) If the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon, and either substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the battery is committed by strangulation, for a category C felony as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - (c) If:





- (1) The battery is committed upon an officer, provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver or transit operator who was performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event;
- (2) The officer, provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official suffers substantial bodily harm or the battery is committed by strangulation; and
- (3) The person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer, provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official,
- → for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.
- (d) If the battery is committed upon an officer, provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver or transit operator who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer, provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official, for a gross misdemeanor, except under circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section.
- (e) If the battery is committed upon an officer as described in paragraph (d) and during a riot as described in subsection 2 of NRS 203.070, for a category E felony as provided in NRS 193.130, except under circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section. A court shall not grant probation to or suspend the sentence of a person convicted pursuant to this paragraph.
- (f) If the battery is committed with the use of a deadly weapon, and:
- (1) No substantial bodily harm to the victim results, for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 10 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.
- (2) Substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 15 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.
- (g) If the battery is committed by a probationer, a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, without the use of a deadly weapon, whether or not substantial bodily harm results and whether or not the battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a





minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years.

- [(g)] (h) If the battery is committed by a probationer, a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, with the use of a deadly weapon, and:
- (1) No substantial bodily harm to the victim results, for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 10 years.
- (2) Substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 15 years.
  - **Sec. 3.** NRS 200.571 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 200.571 1. A person is guilty of harassment if:
  - (a) Without lawful authority, the person knowingly threatens:
- (1) To cause bodily injury in the future to the person threatened or to any other person;
- (2) To cause physical damage to the property of another person;
- (3) To subject the person threatened or any other person to physical confinement or restraint; or
- (4) To do any act which is intended to substantially harm the person threatened or any other person with respect to his or her physical or mental health or safety; and
- (b) The person by words or conduct places the person receiving the threat in reasonable fear that the threat will be carried out.
- 2. Except where the provisions of *subsection 3 or* subsection 2, 3 or 4 of NRS 200.575 are applicable, a person who is guilty of harassment:
  - (a) For the first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (b) For the second or any subsequent offense, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 3. A person who is guilty of harassment, if committed at a place of public accommodation and during a riot as described in subsection 2 of NRS 203.070, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 4. The penalties provided in this section do not preclude the victim from seeking any other legal remedy available.
- 5. As used in this section, "place of public accommodation" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 651.050.





- **Sec. 4.** Chapter 203 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. A person shall not knowingly or intentionally provide material support with the intent that such material support be used, in whole or in part, to:
- (a) Assemble for the purpose of disturbing the public peace or committing any unlawful act in violation of NRS 203.020;
- (b) Commit an unlawful assembly in violation of NRS 203.060: or
  - (c) Commit a rout or riot in violation of NRS 203.070.
- 2. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 3. As used in this section, "material support" means any financial, logistical, informational or other support or assistance.

Sec. 5. NRS 203.020 is hereby amended to read as follows: 203.020

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if two or more persons assemble for the purpose of disturbing the public peace, or committing any unlawful act, and do not disperse, on being desired or commanded so to do by a judge, justice of the peace, sheriff, coroner, constable or other public officer, the persons

so offending are guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. If seven or more persons assemble for the purpose of disturbing the public peace, or committing any unlawful act, and do not disperse, on being desired or commanded so to do by a judge, justice of the peace, sheriff, coroner, constable or other public officer, the persons so offending are guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

**Sec. 6.** NRS 203.060 is hereby amended to read as follows: 203.060

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if two or more persons [shall] assemble together to do an unlawful act, and separate without doing or advancing toward it, such persons commit an unlawful assembly, and are guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 2. If seven or more persons assemble together to do an unlawful act, and separate without doing or advancing toward it, such persons commit an unlawful assembly and are guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - Sec. 7. NRS 203.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

203.070 1. [Iff] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if two or more persons [shall] meet to do an unlawful act, upon a common cause of quarrel, and make advances toward it, they commit a rout, and are guilty of a misdemeanor.





- 2. [If] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if two or more persons [shall] actually do an unlawful act of violence, either with or without a common cause of quarrel or even do a lawful act, in a violent, tumultuous and illegal manner, they commit a riot, and are guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 3. If seven or more persons violate any provision of this section, such persons are guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - **Sec. 8.** NRS 206.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 206.010 1. Whenever any persons unlawfully assembled pull down, damage or destroy any dwelling house or other building, or any shop, steamboat, vessel or other property, they severally are guilty of a public offense proportionate to the value of the property damaged or destroyed.
- 2. Unless a greater penalty is provided pursuant to NRS 193.155, a person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 during a riot as described subsection 2 of NRS 203.070 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - **Sec. 9.** NRS 206.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 206.125 1. Unless a greater penalty is provided by law, a person who knowingly vandalizes, places graffiti on, defaces or otherwise damages:
- (a) Any church, synagogue or other building, structure or place used for religious worship or other religious purpose;
- (b) Any cemetery, mortuary or other facility used for the purpose of burial or memorializing the dead;
- (c) Any school, educational facility, transportation facility, public transportation vehicle or community center;
- (d) The grounds adjacent to, and owned or rented by, any institution, facility, building, structure or place described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c); or
- (e) Any personal property contained in any institution, facility, building, structure or place described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c),
- → except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 2. A person who knowingly vandalizes, places graffiti on, defaces or otherwise damages any property described in subsection 1 during a riot as described in subsection 2 of NRS 203.070 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 3. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order a person found guilty of a gross misdemeanor pursuant to subsection 1 or a category E felony pursuant to subsection 2 to pay restitution for the damage and:





- (a) For the first offense, to pay a fine of not less than \$400 but not more than \$1,000, and to perform 100 hours of community service.
- (b) For the second offense, to pay a fine of not less than \$750, but not more than \$1,000, and to perform 200 hours of community service.
- (c) For a third or subsequent offense, to pay a fine of \$1,000, and to perform 200 hours of community service.
- [3.] 4. A person who is paid money for restitution pursuant to subsection [1] 3 shall use the money to repair or restore the property that was damaged.
  - [4.] 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Public transportation vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 206.335.
- (b) "Transportation facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 206.335.
  - **Sec. 10.** NRS 207.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

207.400 1. It is unlawful for a person:

- (a) Who has with criminal intent received any proceeds derived, directly or indirectly, from racketeering activity to use or invest, whether directly or indirectly, any part of the proceeds, or the proceeds derived from the investment or use thereof, in the acquisition of:
- (1) Any title to or any right, interest or equity in real property; or
- (2) Any interest in or the establishment or operation of any enterprise.
- (b) Through racketeering activity to acquire or maintain, directly or indirectly, any interest in or control of any enterprise.
- (c) Who is employed by or associated with any enterprise to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in:
- (1) The affairs of the enterprise through racketeering activity; or
  - (2) Racketeering activity through the affairs of the enterprise.
- (d) Intentionally to organize, manage, direct, supervise or finance a criminal syndicate.
- (e) Knowingly to incite or induce others to engage in violence or intimidation to promote or further the criminal objectives of the criminal syndicate.
- (f) To furnish advice, assistance or direction in the conduct, financing or management of the affairs of the criminal syndicate with the intent to promote or further the criminal objectives of the syndicate.
- (g) Intentionally to promote or further the criminal objectives of a criminal syndicate by inducing the commission of an act or the





omission of an act by a public officer or employee which violates his or her official duty.

- (h) To transport property, to attempt to transport property or to provide property to another person knowing that the other person intends to use the property to further racketeering activity.
- (i) Who knows that property represents proceeds of, or is directly or indirectly derived from, any unlawful activity to conduct or attempt to conduct any transaction involving the property:
  - (1) With the intent to further racketeering activity; or
- (2) With the knowledge that the transaction conceals the location, source, ownership or control of the property.
- (j) Through racketeering activity to violate the provisions of NRS 203.020, 203.060 or 203.070.
  - (k) To conspire to violate any of the provisions of this section.
- 2. A person who violates this section is guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 5 years and a maximum term of not more than 20 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000.
- 3. As used in this section, "unlawful activity" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 207.195.
- **Sec. 11.** Chapter 41 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person driving a motor vehicle who is exercising due care and causes bodily injury or death to another person, while that other person is obstructing any road, street or alley in violation of subsection 2 of NRS 405.230, is immune from civil liability for any such injury or death.
- 2. A person who causes bodily injury or death while driving a motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons on a road, street or alley is not immune from civil liability for any such injury or death.
- 3. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled.
  - **Sec. 12.** NRS 405.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

405.230 1. [Any] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any person who, in any manner, obstructs any road, street or alley, or in any manner damages it or prevents travel thereon, or who obstructs, dams or diverts any stream or water so as to throw it, or cause the flowage thereof, upon, across or along the pathway of any road, highway, street or alley is guilty of a public offense, as prescribed in NRS 193.155, proportionate to the extent of damage to the section of the road, street, alley or highway damaged, and in no event less than a misdemeanor.





- 2. Any person who, in any manner, obstructs any road, street or alley through conduct in violation of NRS 203.020, 203.060 or 203.070 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 3. The court before which the conviction is had shall order the sheriff or any constable of the county to abate, as a nuisance, any fence or other obstruction, to the free and convenient use and travel of the road, street or alley, or any obstruction from the stream so as to allow it to flow in its natural bed.
- [3.] 4. The department of public works or any other appropriate county agency is authorized to remove from the highways any unlicensed obstacle or encroachment which is not removed, or the removal of which is not commenced and thereafter diligently prosecuted, before the expiration of 5 days after personal service of notice and demand upon the owner of the obstacle or encroachment or the owner's agent. In lieu of personal service upon that person or the person's agent, service of the notice may also be made by registered or certified mail and by posting, for a period of 5 days, a copy of the notice on the obstacle or encroachment described in the notice. Removal by the department or other agency of the obstacle or encroachment on the failure of the owner to comply with the notice and demand gives the department or other agency a right of action to recover the expense of the removal, investigative costs, attorney's fees, cost and expenses of suit, and in addition thereto the sum of \$250 for each day the obstacle or encroachment remains after the expiration of 5 days from the service of the notice and demand.
- [4.] 5. As used in this section, "obstacles or encroachments" mean any objects, materials or facilities not owned by the county that are placed within a right-of-way of the county for storage purposes or decorative improvements for front lots that are not a part of a highway facility. The term does not include vehicles parked in a lawful manner within that right-of-way.
- **Sec. 13.** The amendatory provisions of section 11 of this act do not apply to a cause of action or claim arising from an injury or death that accrues before October 1, 2021.





