ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 232–ASSEMBLYMEN OSCARSON, Ellison, Wheeler, Fiore, Hickey; and Hardy

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SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing concealed firearms. (BDR 15-685)

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 concealed firearms; removing the prohibition against carrying a concealed firearm; repealing certain provisions relating to permits to carry concealed firearms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits a person from carrying certain concealed weapons, including firearms, without a permit. (NRS 202.350, 202.363-202.369) Section 2 of this bill removes firearms from the list of weapons which a person is prohibited from carrying in a concealed manner. Section 8 of this bill repeals the provision which requires a person to have a permit to carry a concealed firearm and repeals certain other provisions concerning permits to carry concealed firearms.

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

Section 1. NRS 202.340 is hereby amended to read as follows: 202.340 1. Except as otherwise provided for firearms forfeitable pursuant to NRS 453.301, when any instrument or weapon described in NRS 202.350 *or any firearm* is taken from the possession of any person charged with the commission of any public





offense or crime or any child charged with committing a delinquent
 act, the instrument , for weapon or *firearm* must be surrendered to:

3 (a) The head of the police force or department of an 4 incorporated city if the possession thereof was detected by any 5 member of the police force of the city; or

6 (b) The chief administrator of a state law enforcement agency, 7 for disposal pursuant to NRS 333.220, if the possession thereof was 8 detected by any member of the agency.

9 \rightarrow In all other cases, the instrument, <u>[or]</u> weapon *or firearm* must 10 be surrendered to the sheriff of the county or the sheriff of the 11 metropolitan police department for the county in which the 12 instrument, <u>[or]</u> weapon *or firearm* was taken.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the governing body of the county or city or the metropolitan police committee on fiscal affairs shall at least once a year order the local law enforcement officer to whom any instrument, <u>for</u> weapon *or firearm* is surrendered pursuant to subsection 1 to:

(a) Retain the confiscated instrument , for weapon or firearm
 for use by the law enforcement agency headed by the officer;

20 (b) Sell the confiscated instrument, **[or]** weapon *or firearm* to 21 another law enforcement agency;

(c) Destroy or direct the destruction of the confiscated
 instrument, [or] weapon or *firearm* if it is not otherwise required to
 be destroyed pursuant to subsection 5;

(d) Trade the confiscated instrument , [or] weapon or firearm to
 a properly licensed retailer or wholesaler in exchange for equipment
 necessary for the performance of the agency's duties; or

(e) Donate the confiscated instrument , [or] weapon or firearm
 to a museum, the Nevada National Guard or, if appropriate, to
 another person for use which furthers a charitable or public interest.

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3. All proceeds of a sale ordered pursuant to subsection 2 by:

(a) The governing body of a county or city must be deposited
with the county treasurer or the city treasurer and the county
treasurer or the city treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the general
fund of the county or city.

(b) A metropolitan police committee on fiscal affairs must bedeposited in a fund which was created pursuant to NRS 280.220.

4. Any officer receiving an order pursuant to subsection 2 shallcomply with the order as soon as practicable.

40 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the officer to 41 whom a confiscated instrument , for weapon *or firearm* is 42 surrendered pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

43 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), destroy or
44 direct to be destroyed any instrument , [or] weapon or firearm
45 which is determined to be dangerous to the safety of the public.





1 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), return any 2 instrument , for weapon for *firearm* which has not been 3 destroyed pursuant to paragraph (a):

4 (1) Upon demand, to the person from whom the instrument, 5 [or] weapon *or firearm* was confiscated if the person is acquitted of 6 the public offense or crime of which the person was charged; or

7 (2) To the legal owner of the instrument, for weapon or *firearm* if the Attorney General or the district attorney determines 8 that the instrument , for weapon or firearm was unlawfully 9 acquired from the legal owner. If retention of the instrument, for 10 11 weapon *or firearm* is ordered or directed pursuant to paragraph (c), 12 except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), the instrument, for 13 weapon or *firearm* must be returned to the legal owner as soon as 14 practicable after the order or direction is rescinded.

15 (c) Retain the confiscated instrument, **[or]** weapon *or firearm* 16 held by the officer pursuant to an order of a judge of a court of 17 record or by direction of the Attorney General or district attorney 18 that the retention is necessary for purposes of evidence, until the 19 order or direction is rescinded.

(d) Return any instrument , [or] weapon or *firearm* which was
stolen to its rightful owner, unless the return is otherwise prohibited
by law.

6. Before any disposition pursuant to subsection 5, the officer who is in possession of the confiscated instrument, for weapon *or firearm* shall submit a full description of the instrument, for weapon *or firearm* to a laboratory which provides forensic services in this State. The director of the laboratory shall determine whether the instrument, for weapon for *firearm*:

(a) Must be sent to the laboratory for examination as part of acriminal investigation; or

(b) Is a necessary addition to a referential collection maintainedby the laboratory for purposes relating to law enforcement.

Sec. 2. NRS 202.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.350 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 202.355, <u>[and 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive,]</u> a person within this State shall not:

(a) Manufacture or cause to be manufactured, or import into the
State, or keep, offer or expose for sale, or give, lend or possess any
knife which is made an integral part of a belt buckle or any
instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a
switchblade knife, blackjack, slungshot, billy, sand-club, sandbag or
metal knuckles;

(b) Manufacture or cause to be manufactured, or import into the
State, or keep, offer or expose for sale, or give, lend, possess or use
a machine gun or a silencer, unless authorized by federal law;



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1 (c) With the intent to inflict harm upon the person of another, 2 possess or use a nunchaku or trefoil; or 3 (d) Carry concealed upon his or her person any: (1) Explosive substance, other than ammunition or any 4 5 components thereof; 6 (2) Dirk, dagger or machete; 7 (3) [Pistol, revolver or other firearm, or other dangerous] 8 **Dangerous** or deadly weapon [;], other than a pistol, revolver or 9 other firearm; or 10 (4) Knife which is made an integral part of a belt buckle. 11 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 202.275 and 212.185, 2. 12 a person who violates any of the provisions of: 13 (a) Paragraph (a) or (c) or subparagraph (2) or (4) of paragraph 14 (d) of subsection 1 is guilty: 15 (1) For the first offense, of a gross misdemeanor. 16 (2) For any subsequent offense, of a category D felony and 17 shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. 18 (b) Paragraph (b) or subparagraph (1) or (3) of paragraph (d) of 19 subsection 1 is guilty of a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. 20 21 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the sheriff 22 of any county may, upon written application by a resident of that county showing the reason or the purpose for which a concealed 23 24 weapon is to be carried, issue a permit authorizing the applicant to 25 carry in this State the concealed weapon described in the permit. The sheriff shall not issue a permit to a person to carry a 26 27 switchblade knife. This subsection does not authorize the sheriff to 28 issue a permit to a person to carry a pistol, revolver or other firearm. 29 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, this section 4. 30 does not apply to: 31 (a) Sheriffs, constables, marshals, peace officers, correctional 32 officers employed by the Department of Corrections, special police 33 officers, police officers of this State, whether active or honorably 34 retired, or other appointed officers. (b) Any person summoned by any peace officer to assist in 35 36 making arrests or preserving the peace while the person so 37 summoned is actually engaged in assisting such an officer. (c) Any full-time paid peace officer of an agency of the United 38 39 States or another state or political subdivision thereof when carrying 40 out official duties in the State of Nevada.

41 (d) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States when on 42 duty.

43 5. The exemptions provided in subsection 4 do not include a 44 former peace officer who is retired for disability unless his or her





former employer has approved his or her fitness to carry a concealed
 weapon.

6. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 do not apply to any person who is licensed, authorized or permitted to possess or use a machine gun or silencer pursuant to federal law. The burden of establishing federal licensure, authorization or permission is upon the person possessing the license, authorization or permission.

8 7. [This section shall not be construed to prohibit a qualified
9 law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement
10 officer from carrying a concealed weapon in this State if he or she is
11 authorized to do so pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 926B or 926C.

12 -8. As used in this section:

(a) "Concealed weapon" means a weapon described in this
section that is carried upon a person in such a manner as not to be
discernible by ordinary observation.

16 (b) "Honorably retired" means retired in Nevada after 17 completion of 10 years of creditable service as a member of the 18 Public Employees' Retirement System. A former peace officer is 19 not "honorably retired" if he or she was discharged for cause or 20 resigned before the final disposition of allegations of serious 21 misconduct.

(c) "Machine gun" means any weapon which shoots, is designed
to shoot or can be readily restored to shoot more than one shot,
without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

(d) "Nunchaku" means an instrument consisting of two or more
sticks, clubs, bars or rods connected by a rope, cord, wire or chain
used as a weapon in forms of Oriental combat.

(e) ["Qualified law enforcement officer" has the meaning
 ascribed to it in 18 U.S.C. § 926B(c).

(f) "Qualified retired law enforcement officer" has the meaning
 ascribed to it in 18 U.S.C. § 926C(c).

32 (g)] "Silencer" means any device for silencing, muffling or 33 diminishing the report of a firearm, including any combination of 34 parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or 35 fabricating a silencer or muffler, and any part intended only for use 36 in such assembly or fabrication.

(h) (f) "Switchblade knife" means a spring-blade knife, snap-37 blade knife or any other knife having the appearance of a 38 pocketknife, any blade of which is 2 or more inches long and which 39 can be released automatically by a flick of a button, pressure on the 40 41 handle or other mechanical device, or is released by any type of mechanism. The term does not include a knife which has a blade 42 43 that is held in place by a spring if the blade does not have any type 44 of automatic release.





(i) (g) "Trefoil" means an instrument consisting of a metal 1 2 plate having three or more radiating points with sharp edges, designed in the shape of a star, cross or other geometric figure and 3 4 used as a weapon for throwing.

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Sec. 3. NRS 33.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 33.018 1. Domestic violence occurs when a person commits one of the following acts against or upon the person's spouse or 7 former spouse, any other person to whom the person is related by 8 blood or marriage, any other person with whom the person is or was 9 actually residing, any other person with whom the person has had or 10 is having a dating relationship, any other person with whom the 11 person has a child in common, the minor child of any of those 12 persons, the person's minor child or any other person who has been 13 14 appointed the custodian or legal guardian for the person's minor 15 child.

- 16 (a) A battery.
- 17 (b) An assault.

18 (c) Compelling the other person by force or threat of force to perform an act from which the other person has the right to refrain 19 or to refrain from an act which the other person has the right to 20 21 perform. 22

(d) A sexual assault.

(e) A knowing, purposeful or reckless course of conduct 23 intended to harass the other person. Such conduct may include, but 24 25 is not limited to:

- 26 (1) Stalking.
- 27 (2) Arson.

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- (3) Trespassing. 28
- 29 (4) Larceny. 30
 - (5) Destruction of private property.

31 (6) [Carrying] Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon 32 without a permit. 33

- (7) Injuring or killing an animal.
- (f) A false imprisonment.

(g) Unlawful entry of the other person's residence, or forcible 35 entry against the other person's will if there is a reasonably 36 foreseeable risk of harm to the other person from the entry. 37

2. As used in this section, "dating relationship" means 38 frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the 39 expectation of affectional or sexual involvement. The term does not 40 41 include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context. 42 43

Sec. 4. NRS 171.1225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 171.1225 1. When investigating an act of domestic violence, a peace officer shall: 45





(a) Make a good faith effort to explain the provisions of NRS 1 2 171.137 pertaining to domestic violence and advise victims of all reasonable means to prevent further abuse, including advising each 3 4 person of the availability of a shelter or other services in the 5 community.

6 (b) Provide a person suspected of being the victim of an act of domestic violence with a written copy of the following statements: 7

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(1) My name is officer (naming the 9 investigating officer). Nevada law requires me to inform you of the 10 following information.

11 (2) If I have probable cause to believe that a battery has been 12 committed against you, your minor child or the minor child of the 13 person believed to have committed the battery in the last 24 hours 14 by your spouse, your former spouse, any other person to whom you 15 are related by blood or marriage, a person with whom you are or 16 were actually residing, a person with whom you have had or are having a dating relationship or a person with whom you have a child 17 18 in common, I am required, unless mitigating circumstances exist, to 19 arrest the person suspected of committing the act.

(3) If I am unable to arrest the person suspected of 20 21 committing the battery, you have the right to request that the 22 prosecutor file a criminal complaint against the person. I can 23 provide you with information on this procedure. If convicted, the 24 person who committed the battery may be placed on probation, 25 ordered to see a counselor, put in jail or fined.

(4) The law provides that you may seek a court order for the 26 27 protection of you or your minor children against further threats or 28 acts of domestic violence. You do not need to hire a lawyer to 29 obtain such an order for protection.

30 (5) An order for protection may require the person who 31 committed or threatened the act of domestic violence against you to:

32 (I) Stop threatening, harassing or injuring you or your 33 children:

34 35 (II) Move out of your residence;

(III) Stay away from your place of employment;

(IV) Stay away from the school attended by your 36 37 children;

(V) Stay away from any place you or your children 38 39 regularly go; and

40 (VI) Avoid or limit all communication with you or your 41 children.

42 (6) A court may make future orders for protection which award you custody of your children and require the person who 43 44 committed or threatened the act of domestic violence against you to 45 pay:





- (I) The rent or mortgage due on the place in which you 1 2 live: 3 (II) The amount of money necessary for the support of 4 your children; and 5 (III) Part or all of the costs incurred by you in obtaining 6 the order for protection. 7 (7) To get an order for protection, go to room number (state the room number of the office at the court) at the court, which 8 9 is located at (state the address of the court). Ask the 10 clerk of the court to provide you with the forms for an order of 11 protection. 12 (8) If the person who committed or threatened the act of 13 domestic violence against you violates the terms of an order for 14 protection, the person may be arrested and, if: 15 (I) The arresting officer determines that such a violation 16 is accompanied by a direct or indirect threat of harm; 17 (II) The person has previously violated a temporary or 18 extended order for protection; or 19 (III) At the time of the violation or within 2 hours after 20 the violation, the person has a concentration of alcohol of 0.08 or 21 more in the person's blood or breath or an amount of a prohibited 22 substance in the person's blood or urine that is equal to or greater 23 than the amount set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 484C.110, 24 \rightarrow the person will not be admitted to bail sooner than 12 hours after 25 arrest. 26 (9) You may obtain emergency assistance or shelter by 27 contacting your local program against domestic violence at (state name, address and telephone number of local 28 program) or you may call, without charge to you, the Statewide 29 30 Program Against Domestic Violence at (state toll-31 free telephone number of Statewide Program). 32 2. As used in this section, "act of domestic violence" means 33 any of the following acts committed by a person against his or her spouse, former spouse, any other person to whom he or she is 34 35 related by blood or marriage, a person with whom he or she is or was actually residing, a person with whom he or she has had or is 36 37 having a dating relationship, a person with whom he or she has a 38 child in common, the minor child of any of those persons or his or 39 her minor child: 40 (a) A battery. 41 (b) An assault. 42 (c) Compelling the other by force or threat of force to perform 43 an act from which he or she has the right to refrain or to refrain from 44 an act which he or she has the right to perform. 45 (d) A sexual assault.
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1 (e) A knowing, purposeful or reckless course of conduct 2 intended to harass the other. Such conduct may include, but is not 3 limited to:

(1) Stalking. 4 5

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- (2) Arson.
 - (3) Trespassing.
 - (4) Larceny.
- (5) Destruction of private property.

(6) [Carrying] Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon 9 10 without a permit.

(f) False imprisonment.

(g) Unlawful entry of the other's residence, or forcible entry 12 13 against the other's will if there is a reasonably foreseeable risk of 14 harm to the other from the entry.

15 The failure of a peace officer to carry out the requirements 3. 16 set forth in subsection 1 is not a defense in a criminal prosecution 17 for the commission of an act of domestic violence, nor may such an 18 omission be considered as negligence or as causation in any civil 19 action against the peace officer or the officer's employer.

As used in this section, "dating relationship" means 20 4. frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the 21 22 expectation of affectional or sexual involvement. The term does not 23 include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between 24 persons in a business or social context. 25

Sec. 5. NRS 213.10983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 213.10983 1. A parole or probation officer shall immediately deliver to the Division any seized, abandoned or unclaimed 27 28 property, other than an instrument or weapon described in NRS 29 202.350 **H** or a firearm, which the parole or probation officer 30 obtains in the pursuance of his or her duty, unless the parole or 31 probation officer is required to retain the property as evidence 32 pursuant to a court order or directive of the Attorney General or a 33 district attorney. Property retained as evidence must be placed in a secured locker for evidence at a law enforcement agency in this state 34 35 and when released from evidence must be immediately delivered to 36 the Division.

37 The Division shall keep the property for return to the owner 2. 38 and, unless it is contraband, return it to the owner if the owner 39 submits a claim to the Division and establishes his or her ownership 40 within 1 year after the Division comes into possession of it. 41 Contraband includes any property which, if possessed by a parolee or probationer, would constitute a violation of the terms of his or her 42 43 parole or probation or any federal or state law. Contraband becomes 44 the property of the Division.





Any contraband consisting of controlled substances or 1 3. 2 dangerous drugs must be disposed of or destroyed as provided by 3 law.

4 If the Division is not able to determine the owner of the 4. property within the 1-year period, the Division acquires title to it 5 6 and the Chief Parole and Probation Officer shall:

7 (a) Sell the property at a public auction at the same times and places that confiscated instruments, [and] weapons and firearms 8 9 are sold: or

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(b) Retain the property for the official use of the Division.

11 The Division shall keep accurate records of all property 5. 12 governed by this section. 13

Sec. 6. NRS 213.10985 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 213.10985 1. A parole or probation officer shall immediately 15 deliver to the Division any seized, abandoned or unclaimed instrument or weapon described in NRS 202.350 or firearm which 16 17 the parole or probation officer obtains in the pursuance of his or her 18 duty, unless the parole or probation officer is required to retain it as 19 evidence pursuant to a court order or directive of the Attorney General or a district attorney. Property retained as evidence must be 20 placed in a secured locker for evidence at a law enforcement agency 21 22 in this state and when released from evidence must be immediately delivered to the Division 23

The Division shall: 24 2

25 (a) Destroy or direct to be destroyed the instrument . for weapon or *firearm* if it is determined to be dangerous to the safety 26 27 of the public.

28 (b) Return an instrument, for weapon *or firearm* which has not 29 been destroyed pursuant to paragraph (a), upon demand, to any 30 person other than a parolee or probationer:

31 (1) From whom it was confiscated if that person is 32 acquitted of the public offense or crime of which that person was 33 charged; or

(2) Who otherwise claims and establishes ownership of it. 34 Any such instrument, [or] weapon or firearm which is not 35 destroyed, returned or claimed within 1 year after the 36 Division comes into possession of it becomes the property of the 37 38 Division.

39 The Chief Parole and Probation Officer shall at least once a 3. 40 year order the officers who have custody of such instruments, fand 41 weapons and *firearms* that have become the property of the 42 Division to:

43 (a) Retain the *[instrument or weapon]* instruments, weapons 44 and *firearms* for official use by the Division.





(b) Deliver the instruments, [and] weapons and firearms to 1 2 another custodial officer of the Division to be sold.

(c) Sell any such instrument, for weapon *or firearm* to another 3 law enforcement agency at a price not less than its prevailing market 4 5 value

6 (d) Sell all unretained and unsold instruments, **[and]** weapons 7 and firearms at a public auction to be held at least once in each year, after notice of such public auction describing the *finstrument* 8 9 or instruments, weapons and firearms to be sold is published once a week for 2 weeks immediately preceding the date of the 10 auction in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or city of 11 12 the sale.

13 4. All proceeds of the sales provided for in subsection 3 must 14 be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General 15 Fund.

16 5. Any officer receiving an order as provided in subsection 3 17 shall comply with such order as soon as practicable.

18 The Division shall keep accurate records of all instruments, [and] weapons and firearms governed by this section. 19 20

Sec. 7. NRS 217.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 217.400 As used in NRS 217.400 to 217.475, inclusive, unless 22 the context otherwise requires:

"Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate associations 23 1 primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual 24 25 involvement. The term does not include a casual relationship or 26 an ordinary association between persons in a business or social 27 context.

"Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services 28 2. 29 of the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Domestic violence" means: 30 3

31 (a) The attempt to cause or the causing of bodily injury to a family or household member or the placing of the member in fear of 32 imminent physical harm by threat of force. 33

(b) Any of the following acts committed by a person against a 34 family or household member, a person with whom he or she had or 35 is having a dating relationship or with whom he or she has a child in 36 common, or upon his or her minor child or a minor child of that 37 38 person:

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(1) A battery.

(2) An assault.

(3) Compelling the other by force or threat of force to 41 perform an act from which he or she has the right to refrain or to 42 refrain from an act which he or she has the right to perform. 43

44 (4) A sexual assault.





(5) A knowing, purposeful or reckless course of conduct 1 intended to harass the other. Such conduct may include, without 2 3 limitation:

- 4 (I) Stalking.
- 5 (II) Arson.
- 6 (III) Trespassing. 7
 - (IV) Larceny.
 - (V) Destruction of private property.

(VI) [Carrying] Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon 9 10 without a permit.

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(6) False imprisonment.

(7) Unlawful entry of the other's residence, or forcible entry 12 against the other's will if there is a reasonably foreseeable risk of 13 14 harm to the other from the entry.

"Family or household member" means a spouse, a former 15 4 spouse, a parent or other adult person who is related by blood or 16 marriage or is or was actually residing with the person committing 17 the act of domestic violence. 18

"Participant" means an adult, child or incompetent person 19 5. for whom a fictitious address has been issued pursuant to NRS 20 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive. 21

6. "Victim of domestic violence" includes the dependent 22 23 children of the victim.

7. "Victim of sexual assault" means a person who has been 24 sexually assaulted as defined in NRS 200.366 or a person upon 25 whom a sexual assault has been attempted. 26

27 8. "Victim of stalking" means a person who is a victim of the crime of stalking or aggravated stalking as set forth in NRS 200.575. 28

Sec. 8. NRS 202.3667, 202.3673, 202.3688 and 202.3689 are 29 30 hereby repealed.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

202.3667 Permittee to carry permit and proper identification when in possession of concealed firearm; penalty.

202.3673 Permittee authorized to carry concealed firearm while on premises of public building; exceptions; penalty.

202.3688 Circumstances in which holder of permit issued by another state may carry concealed firearm in this State; holder of permit issued by another state subject to same restrictions and requirements as holder of permit issued in this State.





202.3689 Department to prepare list of states that meet certain requirements concerning permits; Department to provide copy of list to law enforcement agencies in this State; Department to make list available to public.



