ASSEMBLY BILL No. 349-ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits sexual conduct between a law enforcement officer and a person who is under arrest or is currently detained by any law enforcement officer. (BDR 15-1003)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to crimes; prohibiting sexual conduct between a law enforcement officer and a person who is under arrest or is currently detained by any law enforcement officer; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits a person from voluntarily engaging in sexual conduct with a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement and provides that any person who violates such a prohibition is guilty of a category D felony. (NRS 212.187) This bill provides that if a law enforcement officer voluntarily engages in sexual conduct with a person who is under arrest or is currently detained by the law enforcement officer or any other law enforcement officer, the law enforcement officer is guilty of a category D felony. This bill also provides that the consent of a person who was under arrest or detained by any law enforcement officer to any sexual conduct with a law enforcement officer is not a defense to a prosecution for such unlawful sexual conduct.

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

Section 1. Chapter 201 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Unless an act committed in violation of this section constitutes sexual assault pursuant to NRS 200.366, a law enforcement officer who voluntarily engages in sexual conduct



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with a person who is under arrest or is currently detained by the law enforcement officer or any other law enforcement officer is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

- The consent of a person who was under arrest or detained by any law enforcement officer to any sexual conduct with a law enforcement officer is not a defense to a prosecution for any act prohibited by this section.
 - 3. As used in this section, "sexual conduct":
- (a) Includes acts of masturbation, sexual penetration or physical contact with another person's clothed or unclothed genitals or pubic area to arouse, appeal to or gratify the sexual desires of a person.
- (b) Does not include acts of a law enforcement officer that are performed to carry out the necessary duties of the law enforcement 16 *officer*.





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