

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 462—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to acts of terrorism. (BDR 15-1124)

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

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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 terrorism; revising the definition of an “act of terrorism”; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law defines an “act of terrorism” as any act that involves the use or  
2 attempted use of sabotage, coercion or violence which is intended to cause great  
3 bodily harm or death, or substantial destruction to any infrastructure or the  
4 environment. (NRS 202.4415) A person who knowingly or intentionally commits  
5 or causes an act of terrorism or attempts to commit or cause an act of terrorism is  
6 guilty of a category A felony and shall be punished by imprisonment: (1) for life  
7 without the possibility of parole; (2) for life with the possibility of parole, with  
8 eligibility for parole beginning when a minimum of 20 years has been served; or (3)  
9 for a definite term of 50 years, with eligibility for parole beginning when a  
10 minimum of 20 years has been served. (NRS 202.445) This bill revises the  
11 definition of an “act of terrorism” to include an act which is intended to: (1)  
12 influence the policy of a governmental entity; or (2) affect the conduct of a  
13 governmental entity through the commission of certain criminal offenses against a  
14 public officer.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 202.4415 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 202.4415 1. “Act of terrorism” means any act that involves  
4 the use or attempted use of sabotage, coercion or violence which is  
5 intended to:



- 1 (a) Cause great bodily harm or death to the general population;  
2 ~~{or}~~  
3 (b) Cause substantial destruction, contamination or impairment  
4 of:  
5 (1) Any building or infrastructure, communications,  
6 transportation, utilities or services; or  
7 (2) Any natural resource or the environment ~~{;}~~;  
8 (c) *Influence the policy of a governmental entity; or*  
9 (d) *Affect the conduct of a governmental entity by committing*  
10 *any of the following offenses against a public officer:*  
11 (1) *Murder.*  
12 (2) *Attempted murder.*  
13 (3) *Assault.*  
14 (4) *Battery.*  
15 (5) *Kidnapping.*  
16 2. As used in this section ~~{, "coercion"}~~ :  
17 (a) *"Coercion"* does not include an act of civil disobedience.  
18 (b) *"Public officer"* means a person elected or appointed to a  
19 *position which:*  
20 (1) *Is established by the Constitution or a statute of this*  
21 *State, or by a charter or ordinance of a political subdivision of this*  
22 *State; and*  
23 (2) *Involves the continuous exercise, as part of the regular*  
24 *and permanent administration of the government, of a public*  
25 *power, trust or duty.*

