
EMERGENCY REQUEST OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

SENATE BILL NO. 541—SENATORS FORD, DENIS, PARKS,
SPEARMAN, ATKINSON; CANCELA, CANNIZZARO, FARLEY,
MANENDO, RATTI, SEGERBLOM AND WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Enhances the criminal penalty for certain crimes
committed against first responders. (BDR 15-1219)

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 crimes; enhancing the criminal penalty for
certain crimes committed against first responders; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill provides that any person who willfully commits certain
2 crimes because of the fact that the victim is a first responder, which **section 1**
3 defines as any police, fire or emergency medical personnel acting in the normal
4 course of duty, may, in addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute
5 for the crime, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term
6 of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 20 years.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 193 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.169, any person***
4 ***who willfully violates any provision of NRS 200.030, 200.050,***
5 ***200.280, 200.310, 200.366, 200.380, 200.400, 200.460,***



1 *NRS 200.471 which is punishable as a felony, NRS 200.481 which*
2 *is punishable as a felony, NRS 205.0832 which is punishable as a*
3 *felony, NRS 205.220, 205.226, 205.228, 205.270 or 206.150*
4 *because of the fact that the victim is a first responder may, in*
5 *addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for the*
6 *crime, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a*
7 *minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not*
8 *more than 20 years. In determining the length of any additional*
9 *penalty imposed, the court shall consider the following*
10 *information:*

- 11 (a) *The facts and circumstances of the crime;*
- 12 (b) *The criminal history of the person;*
- 13 (c) *The impact of the crime on any victim;*
- 14 (d) *Any mitigating factors presented by the person; and*
- 15 (e) *Any other relevant information.*

16 ↪ *The court shall state on the record that it has considered the*
17 *information described in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, in*
18 *determining the length of any additional penalty imposed.*

19 2. *A sentence imposed pursuant to this section:*

- 20 (a) *Must not exceed the sentence imposed for the crime; and*
- 21 (b) *Runs consecutively with the sentence prescribed by statute*
22 *for the crime.*

23 3. *This section does not create a separate offense but provides*
24 *an additional penalty for the primary offense, whose imposition is*
25 *contingent upon the finding of the prescribed fact.*

26 4. *As used in this section, "first responder" means any police,*
27 *fire or emergency medical personnel acting in the normal course*
28 *of duty.*

29 **Sec. 2.** NRS 193.169 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 193.169 1. A person who is sentenced to an additional term
31 of imprisonment pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS
32 193.161, NRS 193.162, 193.163, 193.165, 193.166, 193.167,
33 193.1675, 193.168, subsection 1 of NRS 193.1685, NRS 453.3335,
34 453.3345, 453.3351 or subsection 1 of NRS 453.3353 *or section 1*
35 *of this act* must not be sentenced to an additional term of
36 imprisonment pursuant to any of the other listed sections even if the
37 person's conduct satisfies the requirements for imposing an
38 additional term of imprisonment pursuant to another one or more of
39 those sections.

40 2. A person who is sentenced to an alternative term of
41 imprisonment pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 193.161, subsection
42 3 of NRS 193.1685 or subsection 2 of NRS 453.3353 must not be
43 sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment pursuant to
44 subsection 1 of NRS 193.161, NRS 193.162, 193.163, 193.165,
45 193.166, 193.167, 193.1675, 193.168, 453.3335, 453.3345



1 or 453.3351 *or section 1 of this act* even if the person's conduct
2 satisfies the requirements for imposing an additional term of
3 imprisonment pursuant to another one or more of those sections.
4 3. This section does not:
5 (a) Affect other penalties or limitations upon probation or
6 suspension of a sentence contained in the sections listed in
7 subsection 1 or 2.
8 (b) Prohibit alleging in the alternative in the indictment or
9 information that the person's conduct satisfies the requirements of
10 more than one of the sections listed in subsection 1 or 2 and
11 introducing evidence to prove the alternative allegations.
12 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act apply to an
13 offense committed on or after October 1, 2017.

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