
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 143—ASSEMBLYWOMEN
JAUREGUI; AND TORRES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Capitol Police Division of the Department of Public Safety. (BDR 27-942)

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 the Capitol Police Division of the Department of Public Safety; requiring the Director of the Department of Public Safety to treat peace officers appointed to the Capitol Police Division of the Department in the same manner as peace officers appointed to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department for the purposes of classification, compensation and advancement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Director of the Department of Public Safety is required
2 to appoint personnel to the Capitol Police Division of the Department to assist in
3 preventing unlawful activity on or damage to certain state property and protecting
4 persons on that property. (NRS 331.140) Currently, certain peace officers of the
5 Capitol Police Division are compensated at lower levels and have different
6 opportunities for advancement than peace officers appointed to other divisions
7 within the Department of Public Safety, including the Nevada Highway Patrol
8 Division. (Dep’t of Admin., Div. of Hum. Res. Mgmt., Class Specifications 13.205-
9 13.207) This bill requires the Director of the Department of Public Safety to treat
10 peace officers of the Capitol Police Division in the same manner as peace officers
11 of the Nevada Highway Patrol Division for the purposes of classification,
12 compensation and advancement.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 331.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 331.140 1. The Administrator shall take proper care to
3 prevent any unlawful activity on or damage to any state property
4 under the supervision and control of the Administrator, and to
5 protect the safety of any persons on that property.

6 2. The Director of the Department of Public Safety shall
7 appoint to the Capitol Police Division of that Department such
8 personnel as may be necessary to assist the Administrator and the
9 Buildings and Grounds Section in the enforcement of subsection 1.
10 The salaries and expenses of the personnel appointed pursuant to
11 this subsection must, within the limits of legislative authorization,
12 be paid out of the Buildings and Grounds Operating Fund.

13 3. *For the purposes of classification, compensation and*
14 *advancement, the Director of the Department of Public Safety*
15 *shall treat personnel appointed pursuant to subsection 2 who are*
16 *peace officers in the same manner as personnel appointed to the*
17 *Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public*
18 *Safety who are peace officers. As used in this subsection, "peace*
19 *officer" means a category I peace officer, as defined in*
20 *NRS 289.460.*

21 **Sec. 2.** If the Director of the Department of Public Safety
22 determines that the legislative appropriation for the Capitol Police
23 Division of the Department of Public Safety for Fiscal Year 2019-
24 2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is insufficient to pay the total costs
25 of complying with the amendatory provisions of this act, the
26 Director is not required to comply with the amendatory provisions
27 of this act until July 1, 2021.

28 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not entitle a
29 person in a position of employment affected by this act to back pay.

30 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

