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Introduction

The *Pacific Law Journal* is proud to present the first Review of Selected Nevada Legislation. We are especially pleased to present this issue because it marks the start of our involvement in the researching and reporting of Nevada legislation. This issue of the *Journal* is dedicated to providing analyses of the most important legislation passed in 1981. In selecting the legislation to be included in this review, the editors have utilized three basic criteria: (1) whether the bill will affect the work of the practicing bar or bench; (2) whether the bill will affect the work of the legal specialist; and (3) whether the bill will interest the attorney as a community leader. Among the new laws discussed in the following pages are measures establishing specific penalties and reporting requirements for crimes involving the mistreatment of older persons, creating a new system of local government finance, specifying specific procedures for the termination of parental rights, increasing penalties for certain gaming offenses, and making the use and possession of drug paraphernalia a crime.

The heading of each bill analysis includes a description of the subject area, a listing of the N.R.S. sections affected by the bill, the bill and chapter numbers, the author of the bill, and the effective date of laws that become operative other than on July 1, 1981. When constitutional issues, points of practical interest, or problem areas have warranted further discussion, commentary has been included to provide a broader insight into the legislation. In addition, to facilitate access to specific N.R.S. sections, a table of the N.R.S. sections affected by the bills analyzed in the Review is provided at the end of the issue.

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