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# Domestic Relations

## Domestic Relations; separate maintenance actions

N.R.S. §§125.190, 125.200, 125.210, 125.220, 125.240, 125.250, 125.280 (amended).

SB 246 (Committee on Judiciary); STATS 1981, Ch 87

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 87, *only* a wife could bring an action for separate maintenance against a husband.<sup>1</sup> Chapter 87 revises the Nevada law of separate maintenance by providing that *either spouse* may commence these actions.<sup>2</sup> Chapter 87 also makes concomitant changes in specific provisions of the law of separate maintenance.<sup>3</sup> These provisions relate to support payments pending the separate maintenance action,<sup>4</sup> assignment of the defendant spouse's property to the complaining spouse,<sup>5</sup> filing of a notice of a *lis pendens* against the defendant spouse's real property,<sup>6</sup> enforcement of the final judgment,<sup>7</sup> procedure and venue of the action,<sup>8</sup> and issuance of orders directing entry of judgment when the defendant spouse is in default of a prior order to pay money.<sup>9</sup>

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1. See NEVADA COMPILED LAWS 1929, §9468 (amending N.R.S. §125.190).

2. Compare N.R.S. §125.190 with NEVADA COMPILED LAWS 1929, §9468 (the action under prior law *and* under Chapter 87 can be brought without seeking a divorce when the complaining spouse, formerly the wife, had been deserted by the defendant spouse, formerly the husband, for 90 days, or had a cause of action for divorce against the defendant spouse).

3. Compare N.R.S. §§125.200, 125.210, 125.220, 125.240, 125.250 with NEVADA COMPILED LAWS 1929, §§9469, 9470, 9471, 9473, 9474. Compare N.R.S. §125.280 with STATUTES OF NEVADA 1955, c. 128, §2, at 183.

4. See N.R.S. §125.200.

5. See *id.* §125.210.

6. See *id.* §125.220.

7. See *id.* §125.240.

8. See *id.* §125.250.

9. See *id.* §125.280.

## Domestic Relations; child custody

N.R.S. §§125.— - 125.— (new); §125.140 (amended).

SB 188 (Committee on Judiciary); STATS 1981, Ch 148

In an attempt to further the state policy of promoting frequent as-