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Introduction

The editors and staff of the *Pacific Law Journal* are proud to present the Review of Selected Nevada Legislation. The Legislative Review provides analyses of significant legislation by comparing prior, existing, and new law in a manner that highlights the changes made and the practical effects of those changes. In selecting legislation for the Review, the following three criteria are used: (1) whether the bill will affect the practicing bar or judiciary; (2) whether the bill will affect the work of a legal specialist; or (3) whether the bill will interest the attorney as a community leader.

Throughout the Review various terms are used on a consistent basis. Specifically, the use of the term "prior law" refers to law that was effective before the passage of the 1983 legislation and that is no longer in effect after the passage of the new legislation. "Existing law" refers to law that was in effect before the passage of the 1983 legislation, and remains the law after the passage of the new legislation. Each bill begins with a description of the topic area, a listing of N.R.S. sections affected by the bill, the bill and chapter numbers, and the author of the bill. Unless otherwise specified, the effective date of the legislation is July 1, 1983. When constitutional issues, points of practical interest, or problem areas warrant further discussion, a comment is included to provide a broader insight into the legislation. To facilitate access to specific N.R.S. sections of interest, a table of sections affected by bills analyzed in this review is provided at the end of this issue.

Completion of the Legislative Review requires the combined efforts of various individuals involved with the *Pacific Law Journal*. Primary among those people are the members of the Legislative Review Staff. Their dedicated and skillful involvement throughout every aspect of the Review has enabled the *Pacific Law Journal* to present to the members of the Nevada bar a quality research tool.

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