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## SB 92

In this country, there is a debate about how we should control guns and who should be permitted to own them. Some people want the U.S. government to control gun ownership. Other people want little or no government control. Both sides often point to the Second Amendment because they think it supports their argument. Some people have had negative experiences with guns. They might want strong gun control laws. Other people have had positive experiences with guns. They might want little or no control. The U.S. government has set up <sup>A</sup> a few rules, including those that ban the sale of certain types of weapons. ~~The U.S. government~~ <sup>But ~~at~~ the US Government</sup> has not stopped state

and local governments from setting up their own gun ownership laws. Each state and local area has its own gun control laws.

SB 92 is a bill that has caused great anxiety among different constituent groups though out Nevada. In current law it is known as the pre-emption law. In the 1989 Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 147 was introduced. This bill brought together all licensing of firearms in our State to one uniform law. Previously every county had a different set of ordinances that were on their municipal books. AB 147 made all that go away with one simple law that each person in Nevada would know and understand those laws as they traveled throughout our State. But to get this law through, Clark County negotiated a carve out that said

they would be treated differently than the other 16 counties and were able to keep all the ordinances or regulations that were previously accepted by their local government before June 13, 1989.

Today in Clark County we have conventions that come to Las Vegas that are entirely about guns and shooting. Presently, being built is the world's greatest shooting park. This park will also be a destination point for many of our Nation's firearm's enthusiasts and competitors. Because of these amenities we find that we are in conflict with our current carve out laws.

Another issue to address in this pre-emption law is that our fellow Nevadans in other counties that have been to training and passed our Nevada concealed weapons permit requirements are treated differently in

Clark County. If a person in Carson City gets his background investigated does proper training and qualifies for a concealed weapon permit he can carry a handgun and not fear police action in the other 16 counties, but in Clark County he still must immediately go to the sheriff or Chief of Police's office and register his handgun. Is he some how by coming to Clark County a more vigilante or is he more violent by crossing our county line? Why do the sheriffs in the other 16 counties honor Clark County's concealed weapons permits but Clark County not honor their concealed weapon permit? Also, do these people have to register not only with Clark County Metropolitan Police Department but follow the North Las Vegas code and register with that police department?

People who vacation or travel through Clark County or attend events are unaware of our unreasonable law that requires them to immediately register their firearms or face criminal sanction. I'm Sure police officers are in a dilemma on how to enforce this carve out law. Police disgression is commonly used to decipher the requirements they feel they can selectively enforce.

While I believe most police officers do use good judgment I believe it would be better to have one set of laws that govern our citizens. As Chairman of the Clark County Shooting Park I have an example of how *having* one state uniform law would help. If you were traveling from Arizona to an event at the Shooting Park

and you were carrying a hand gun you would travel through Boulder City, Henderson, unincorporated Clark County, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas to finally get to the Shooting Range, each of these municipalities have their own laws on how that gun should be handled.

In the County Code 12.04.200 it reads: \_\_\_\_\_

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There is no grace period as soon as you cross the county line you are in violation.

In North Las Vegas 9.32.080 \_\_\_\_\_

Title 12 PUBLIC PEACE, SAFETY AND MORALS\*

Chapter 12.04 FIREARMS AND AIR GUNS

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**12.04.200 Registration of firearms capable of being concealed.**

It is unlawful for any person to own or have in his possession, within the unincorporated area of Clark County, a gun, pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed, unless the same has first been registered with the sheriff or with a police department of any of the incorporated cities of Clark County. (Ord. 242 § 20, 1965)

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9.32.010 reads

What if you were a rookie police officer on probation, still not permanent status, and your sergeant was in the car on a ride along; would you enforce the law on someone who had an unregistered gun? Would this show your sergeant you understand the law or would you be more lax and let the person continue to the Range? That discretion is what we are trying to fix.

And to a final group of constituents interested in this bill their belief is that the carve out is just plain unconstitutional to have to register their firearms in Clark County. They believe bad people will not register

their guns, but why are they forced to register their guns.

Today SB 92 is a bill to remove the Clark County carve out and to once and for all have a Nevada uniform law. Committee thank you for your attention to this Bill.

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