Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding when sentence of death may be imposed. (BDR 14-856)


EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to capital punishment; prohibiting the imposition of a sentence of death upon a person for the commission of a crime committed while the person was under the age of 18 years; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. NRS 176.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.025  A death sentence **must not be imposed or inflicted upon any person convicted of a crime now punishable by death who at the time of the commission of such a crime was under the age of 18 years. As to such person, the maximum punishment that may be imposed is life imprisonment.**

Sec. 2. 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval and applies retroactively to a sentence of death that:

(a) Has not yet been executed on the effective date of this act; and

(b) Is imposed upon a person for committing a crime when the person was under the age of 18 years.
2. The sentence of death of any person to whom this act applies retroactively shall be deemed to be commuted to a sentence of life without the possibility of parole on the effective date of this act. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall take all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.