

SENATE BILL NO. 226—SENATORS LESLIE AND PARKS

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYWOMEN PIERCE; AND CARLTON

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Makes it unlawful for a person to trap a fur-bearing mammal within a certain distance of an occupied dwelling under certain circumstances. (BDR 45-975)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility. Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to trapping; making it unlawful for a person to trap a fur-bearing mammal within a certain distance of an occupied dwelling under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, any person who takes a fur-bearing mammal by trapping is
2 required to obtain a trapping license. (NRS 503.454) A person who obtains a
3 trapping license may trap only during the open season for trapping designated by
4 the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.440) The terms “to trap,”
5 “trapping” and “trapped” mean to set or operate any device or mechanism that is
6 designed, built or made to close upon or hold fast any wildlife. Those terms include
7 every act of assistance provided to a person in setting or operating the device or
8 mechanism. (NRS 501.090) A person who violates a provision relating to trapping
9 is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a criminal fine of not less than \$50 or
10 more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months,
11 or by both fine and imprisonment. (NRS 501.385)

12 **Section 1** of this bill makes it unlawful for a person in a county whose
13 population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) to trap a fur-
14 bearing mammal using a trap, other than a box or cage trap, within 1,000 yards of
15 an occupied dwelling, if the dwelling is located within an area of the county in
16 which the discharge of firearms is prohibited by a county ordinance. **Section 1**



17 defines the term "box or cage trap" to mean any trap that is not designed, built or
18 made to close upon any portion of the body of a fur-bearing mammal.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 503 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 503.470, 503.580 and*
4 *503.595, in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, it is*
5 *unlawful for a person to trap a fur-bearing mammal using a trap,*
6 *other than a box or cage trap, within 1,000 yards of an occupied*
7 *dwelling, if the dwelling is located within an area of the county in*
8 *which the discharge of firearms is prohibited by a county*
9 *ordinance.*

10 2. *As used in this section, "box or cage trap" means any trap*
11 *that is not designed, built or made to close upon any portion of the*
12 *body of a fur-bearing mammal.*

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