

SENATE BILL NO. 147—SENATORS PARKS,  
MANENDO AND WOODHOUSE

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires certain training for peace officers concerning dog behavior. (BDR 23-10)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 peace officers; requiring peace officers to be trained in effective responses to incidents involving dogs or where dogs are present; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires a peace officer to receive certain training as a condition of  
2 his or her certification. (NRS 289.590, 289.600) This bill requires each peace  
3 officer to be trained in effective responses to incidents involving dogs, or where  
4 dogs are present, as a condition of the certification of the peace officer.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 289 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. As a condition of the certification of each peace officer, the*  
4 *Commission shall require the peace officer to be trained in*  
5 *effective responses to incidents involving dogs or where dogs are*  
6 *present, including, without limitation:*

7 *(a) Differentiating between aggressive and nonthreatening dog*  
8 *behaviors;*

9 *(b) Nonlethal methods of handling potentially dangerous dogs;*



1       (c) *The role and capabilities of local animal control agencies;*  
2 *and*

3       (d) *Any related subjects the Commission deems appropriate.*

4       **2. The Commission shall adopt regulations regarding the**  
5 **minimum training required to comply with the requirements of**  
6 **subsection 1.**

7       **Sec. 2.** NRS 289.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8       289.450 As used in NRS 289.450 to 289.600, inclusive, **and**  
9 **section 1 of this act**, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
10 words and terms defined in NRS 289.460 to 289.490, inclusive,  
11 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

12       **Sec. 3.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
13 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
14 provisions of this act.

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