ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 357—ASSEMBLYMEN FIORE, ELLISON; DOOLING, JONES, KIRKPATRICK, OHRENSCHALL, SHELTON AND THOMPSON

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the prohibition against the ownership, possession and control of firearms by certain persons. (BDR 14-846)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material; is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; authorizing certain persons who are prohibited from owning, possessing or having under their custody or control any firearm or who have had certain civil rights taken away to petition the court to restore such rights in certain circumstances; authorizing a prosecuting attorney to inquire into, inspect and use as evidence certain sealed records in certain circumstances; adding a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to the list of persons who are prohibited from owning or having in their possession or under their custody or control any firearm; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits certain persons from owning or having in their possession or under their custody or control any firearm, including a person who has been convicted of a felony in this State or any other state, or in any political subdivision thereof, or of a felony in violation of the laws of the United States of America, unless the person has received a pardon and the pardon does not restrict his or her right to bear arms. (NRS 202.360) **Section 5** of this bill adds to such a list of persons a person who has been convicted in this State or any other state of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, as defined in federal law.

Section 2 of this bill establishes a procedure by which a person who: (1) is prohibited from owning or having in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm because the person has been convicted of a felony or





a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; or (2) has had his or her civil rights to vote, to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action and to hold office taken away and has not had all such rights restored, may, after a certain applicable waiting period, petition the district court in the county in which the person resides or in which the person was convicted for the restoration of such rights. For a person to be eligible to have such rights restored: (1) the person must not currently be serving any sentence or facing any new charge for an offense which would cause the person to be ineligible to petition to have such rights restored; and (2) if the person is seeking the restoration of his or her firearm rights, the person must not otherwise be prohibited from possessing a firearm under any other applicable provision of the laws of this State.

Section 2 also requires that a date for a hearing on such a petition be set for not earlier than 30 days and not later than 120 days after a petition is filed, unless waived by the parties. The court is required to make a decision within 30 days after the hearing on the petition is completed.

Section 2 additionally requires the court to issue an order restoring a petitioner's civil rights and the right to own, possess and control any firearm if: (1) the petitioner has never been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; (2) the petitioner has never been convicted of a category A, B or C felony; and (3) the only category D or E felony for which the person has ever been convicted did not include certain elements. A petitioner who does not meet such criteria but meets certain other criteria must prove to the court by clear and convincing evidence that he or she is rehabilitated and is unlikely to use the restoration of any rights for an unlawful purpose. If the court determines that the petitioner does not satisfy the burden of proof, the court is required to issue an order denying the restoration of such rights and to state the basis for such a denial. Section 2 further authorizes such a petitioner to reapply for the restoration of such rights not earlier than 1 year after the date the court order is entered. Finally, section 2 requires a person to accept a copy of a court order restoring a person's civil rights or right to own, possess and control any firearm as proof that such rights have been restored to the person.

Section 2 also authorizes a person who has lost his or her civil rights as a result of a conviction in another state to petition the district court for the restoration of such rights if the person would otherwise be eligible to petition the district court for the restoration of such rights if the conviction that resulted in the loss of such rights occurred in this State.

Section 11 of this bill requires a person whose right to own, possess and control any firearm has been restored pursuant to **section 2** to carry on his or her person, any time the person is in possession of a firearm, a copy of the court order restoring such a right. This requirement expires by limitation on July 1, 2017.

Existing law authorizes certain persons to inquire into and inspect certain records that have been sealed in certain circumstances. (NRS 179.301) **Section 3** of this bill authorizes a prosecuting attorney to inquire into and inspect certain sealed records if the person who is the subject of the records has petitioned to have his or her right to own, possess and control any firearm restored pursuant to **section 2**. **Section 3** also authorizes a prosecuting attorney to use any such records as evidence during a hearing on such a petition.





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

Section 1. NRS 176A.850 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176A.850 1. A person who:

- (a) Has fulfilled the conditions of probation for the entire period thereof;
 - (b) Is recommended for earlier discharge by the Division; or
- (c) Has demonstrated fitness for honorable discharge but because of economic hardship, verified by the Division, has been unable to make restitution as ordered by the court,
- → may be granted an honorable discharge from probation by order of the court.
- 2. Any amount of restitution remaining unpaid constitutes a civil liability arising upon the date of discharge.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 [] and section 2 of this act, a person who has been honorably discharged from probation:
 - (a) Is free from the terms and conditions of probation.
 - (b) Is immediately restored to the following civil rights:
 - (1) The right to vote; and
 - (2) The right to serve as a juror in a civil action.
- (c) Four years after the date of honorable discharge from probation, is restored to the right to hold office.
- (d) Six years after the date of honorable discharge from probation, is restored to the right to serve as a juror in a criminal action.
- (e) If the person meets the requirements of NRS 179.245, may apply to the court for the sealing of records relating to the conviction.
- (f) Must be informed of the provisions of this section and NRS 179.245 in the person's probation papers.
- (g) Is exempt from the requirements of chapter 179C of NRS, but is not exempt from the requirements of chapter 179D of NRS.
- (h) Shall disclose the conviction to a gaming establishment and to the State and its agencies, departments, boards, commissions and political subdivisions, if required in an application for employment, license or other permit. As used in this paragraph, "establishment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 463.0148.
- (i) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (h), need not disclose the conviction to an employer or prospective employer.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the civil rights set forth in subsection 3 are not restored to a person honorably





discharged from probation if the person has previously been convicted in this State:

(a) Of a category A felony.

- (b) Of an offense that would constitute a category A felony if committed as of the date of the honorable discharge from probation.
- (c) Of a category B felony involving the use of force or violence that resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim.
- (d) Of an offense involving the use of force or violence that resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim and that would constitute a category B felony if committed as of the date of honorable discharge from probation.
- (e) Two or more times of a felony, unless a felony for which the person has been convicted arose out of the same act, transaction or occurrence as another felony, in which case the convictions for those felonies shall be deemed to constitute a single conviction for the purposes of this paragraph.
- A person described in this subsection may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order granting the restoration of civil rights as set forth in subsection 3.
- 5. The prior conviction of a person who has been honorably discharged from probation may be used for purposes of impeachment. In any subsequent prosecution of the person, the prior conviction may be pleaded and proved if otherwise admissible.
- 6. Except for a person subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 4, upon honorable discharge from probation, the person so discharged must be given an official document which provides:
- (a) That the person has received an honorable discharge from probation;
- (b) That the person has been restored to his or her civil rights to vote and to serve as a juror in a civil action as of the date of honorable discharge from probation;
- (c) The date on which the person's civil right to hold office will be restored pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3; and
- (d) The date on which the person's civil right to serve as a juror in a criminal action will be restored pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 3
- 7. Subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 4, a person who has been honorably discharged from probation in this State or elsewhere and whose official documentation of honorable discharge from probation is lost, damaged or destroyed may file a written request with a court of competent jurisdiction to restore the person's civil rights pursuant to this section. Upon verification that the person has been honorably discharged from probation and is eligible to be restored to the civil rights set forth in subsection 3, the court shall issue an order restoring the person to the civil rights set forth in





subsection 3. A person must not be required to pay a fee to receive such an order.

- 8. A person who has been honorably discharged from probation in this State or elsewhere may present:
- (a) Official documentation of honorable discharge from probation, if it contains the provisions set forth in subsection 6; or
 - (b) A court order restoring the person's civil rights,
- → as proof that the person has been restored to the civil rights set forth in subsection 3.
- Sec. 2. Chapter 179 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. If a person is prohibited pursuant to paragraph (a) of NRS 202.360 from owning or having in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm because the person has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, or if the person has had his or her civil rights to vote, to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action and to hold office taken away and all such civil rights have not been restored, the person may, after the applicable waiting period set forth in subsection 2, petition the district court in the county in which the person resides or in which the person was convicted for the restoration of his or her right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm and the restoration of his or her civil rights if the person:
- (a) Is not currently serving any sentence or facing any new charge for an offense which would cause the person to be ineligible to petition to have such rights restored; and
- (b) If the person is seeking the restoration of the right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm, is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm under any other applicable provision of the laws of this State.
- 2. A person may petition the district court pursuant to subsection 1: 34
 - (a) One day after the completion of the person's sentence for an offense described in subparagraph (3) if:
 - (1) The person has never been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence;
 - (2) The person has never been convicted of a category A, B or C felony; and
 - (3) The only category D or E felony for which the person has ever been convicted is a category D or E felony that did not include as an element of the offense:
 - (I) An attempt, threat or conspiracy to commit an act of violence against another person;



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1 (II) An act of intentional violence against another 2 person; or

(III) The intentional use of a deadly weapon.

- 4 (b) Two years after the completion of the person's sentence for 5 an offense described in subparagraph (3) if the person:
 - (1) Has never been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence;
 - (2) Has never been convicted of a category A, B, D or E felony; and
 - (3) The only category C felony for which the person has ever been convicted is a category C felony that did not include as an element of the offense:

(I) An attempt, threat or conspiracy to commit an act of violence against another person;

(II) An act of intentional violence against another person; or

(III) The intentional use of a deadly weapon.

(c) Six years after the most recent completion of the person's sentence for an offense described in this paragraph if the person:

- (1) Has never been convicted of a category A felony or a category B, C, D or E felony that involved the intentional use of a deadly weapon with the intent to cause substantial bodily harm; and
 - (2) Has been convicted:
- (I) Not more than once for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; or
- (II) Of more than one category B, C, D or E felony that did not involve the intentional use of a deadly weapon with the intent to cause substantial bodily harm.
 - 3. A petition filed pursuant to subsection 2 must:
 - (a) Describe the rights for which restoration is being sought.
- (b) Provide the date of any previous petition filed pursuant to this section and the date the court denied the restoration of any rights.
- (c) Be accompanied by the petitioner's current, verified record of criminal history from the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History.
 - (d) Contain the following information:

(1) The petitioner's full legal name.

- (2) Each alias that the petitioner has used or under which the petitioner may have been known.
 - (3) The petitioner's date of birth.
 - (4) The petitioner's driver's license number.
 - (5) The petitioner's current residential address.





- (6) Each residential address of the petitioner during the 10 years preceding the filing of the petition.
 - (7) For each criminal conviction of the petitioner:
 - (I) The arresting agency;
 - (II) The date of arrest;

- (III) The charges that were filed against the petitioner;
- (IV) Whether the offense committed was a misdemeanor or felony, and if a felony, whether the offense was a category A, B, C, D or E felony;
 - (V) The sentencing court;
 - (VI) The case number;
 - (VII) The date of the final disposition of the case;
 - (VIII) The sentence imposed upon the petitioner; and
- (IX) The date on which the petitioner completed the sentence.
- 4. Upon receiving a petition from a petitioner who meets the requirements of this section, the court shall, at least 30 days before the hearing scheduled pursuant to subsection 5, notify the district attorney for the county in which the court is located and the district attorney for each county in which the petitioner was convicted of an applicable felony or misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.
- 5. Unless waived by the consent of both the petitioner and the district attorney for the county in which the petition is filed, a date for a hearing on the petition must be set for not earlier than 30 days and not later than 120 days after a petition complying with the requirements of subsection 3 is filed. The court may consider any relevant evidence at the hearing on the petition, including, without limitation, oral testimony, declarations, affidavits and police reports. The court shall issue its decision within 30 days after the hearing on the petition is completed.
- 6. If a petitioner petitions the court for the restoration of his or her rights pursuant to:
- (a) Paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the court shall, upon verifying that the petitioner is eligible to have his or her rights restored, issue an order setting forth the restoration of the petitioner's right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm and the petitioner's civil rights to vote, to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action and to hold office.
- (b) Paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 2, the court shall, if it determines that the petitioner proves by clear and convincing evidence that he or she is rehabilitated and is unlikely to use the restoration of any rights for an unlawful purpose, issue an order setting forth which rights are restored.





- A copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection must be provided to the petitioner and the Department of Public Safety. A person shall accept a copy of any such order as proof that a person has had his or her right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm or his or her civil rights to vote, to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action and to hold office restored pursuant to this section.
- 7. If the court determines that a petitioner who petitioned the court for the restoration of his or her rights pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 2 does not prove by clear and convincing evidence that he or she is rehabilitated and is unlikely to use the restoration of any rights for an unlawful purpose, the court shall issue an order denying the restoration of the petitioner's rights and shall state the basis for such a denial. A petitioner who is denied the restoration of rights pursuant to this subsection may reapply for the restoration of such rights not earlier than 1 year after the date the court order is entered.
- 8. A person who has lost his or her civil rights to vote, to serve as a juror in a civil or criminal action and to hold office as a result of a conviction in another state may petition the district court for the restoration of such civil rights pursuant to this section if the person would otherwise be eligible to petition the district court for the restoration of such civil rights pursuant to this section if the conviction that resulted in the loss of such civil rights occurred in this State.
- 9. As used in this section, "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" has the meaning ascribed to it in 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(33).
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 179.301 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 179.301 1. The State Gaming Control Board and the Nevada Gaming Commission and their employees, agents and representatives may inquire into and inspect any records sealed pursuant to NRS 179.245 or 179.255, if the event or conviction was related to gaming, to determine the suitability or qualifications of any person to hold a state gaming license, manufacturer's, seller's or distributor's license or registration as a gaming employee pursuant to chapter 463 of NRS. Events and convictions, if any, which are the subject of an order sealing records:
- (a) May form the basis for recommendation, denial or revocation of those licenses.
- (b) Must not form the basis for denial or rejection of a gaming work permit unless the event or conviction relates to the applicant's suitability or qualifications to hold the work permit.
- 2. A prosecuting attorney may inquire into and inspect any records sealed pursuant to NRS 179.245 or 179.255 if:





- (a) The records relate to a violation or alleged violation of NRS 202.575; and
- (b) The person who is the subject of the records has been arrested or issued a citation for violating NRS 202.575.
 - 3. A prosecuting attorney may:

- (a) Inquire into and inspect any records sealed pursuant to NRS 179.245 or 179.255 if the person who is the subject of the records has petitioned to have his or her right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her control or custody any firearm pursuant to section 2 of this act; and
- (b) Use any such records as evidence during a hearing on the petition.
- 4. The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and its employees may inquire into and inspect any records sealed pursuant to NRS 179.245 or 179.255 that constitute information relating to sexual offenses, and may notify employers of the information in accordance with NRS 179A.180 to 179A.240, inclusive
- [4.] 5. Records which have been sealed pursuant to NRS 179.245 or 179.255 and which are retained in the statewide registry established pursuant to NRS 179B.200 may be inspected pursuant to chapter 179B of NRS by an officer or employee of the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History or a law enforcement officer in the regular course of his or her duties.
- [5.] 6. The State Board of Pardons Commissioners and its agents and representatives may inquire into and inspect any records sealed pursuant to NRS 179.245 or 179.255 if the person who is the subject of the records has applied for a pardon from the Board.
 - 6. 7. As used in this section:
- (a) "Information relating to sexual offenses" means information contained in or concerning a record relating in any way to a sexual offense.
- (b) "Sexual offense" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 179A.073.
 - **Sec. 4.** NRS 6.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 6.010 Except as otherwise provided in this section, every qualified elector of the State, whether registered or not, who has sufficient knowledge of the English language, and who has not been convicted of treason, a felony, or other infamous crime, and who is not rendered incapable by reason of physical or mental infirmity, is a qualified juror of the county in which the person resides. A person who has been convicted of a felony is not a qualified juror of the county in which the person resides until the person's civil right to serve as a juror has been restored pursuant to NRS 176A.850, 179.285, 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157 H or section 2 of this act.





- **Sec. 5.** NRS 202.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 202.360 1. A person shall not own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm if the person:
 - (a) Has been convicted of a felony in this *State* or any other state, or in any political subdivision thereof, or of a felony in violation of the laws of the United States of America, unless the person [has]:
 - (1) Has received a pardon and the pardon does not restrict his or her right to bear arms; or
 - (2) Has had his or her right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm restored pursuant to section 2 of this act;
 - (b) Has been convicted in this State or any other state of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(33), unless the person has had his or her right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm restored pursuant to section 2 of this act;
 - (c) Is a fugitive from justice; or
 - (d) Is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, any controlled substance.
 - → A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.
 - 2. A person shall not own or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm if the person:
 - (a) Has been adjudicated as mentally ill or has been committed to any mental health facility; or
 - (b) Is illegally or unlawfully in the United States.
 - A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
 - 3. As used in this section:
 - (a) "Controlled substance" has the meaning ascribed to it in 21 U.S.C. § 802(6).
- 38 (b) "Firearm" includes any firearm that is loaded or unloaded and operable or inoperable.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 209.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 41 209.511 1. When an offender is released from prison by 42 expiration of his or her term of sentence, by pardon or by parole, the 43 Director:





- (a) May furnish the offender with a sum of money not to exceed \$100, the amount to be based upon the offender's economic need as determined by the Director;
- (b) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of chapter 179C of NRS and NRS 202.357 and 202.360;
- (c) Shall require the offender to sign an acknowledgment of the notice required in paragraph (b);
- (d) Shall give the offender notice of the provisions of NRS 179.245 and the provisions of NRS 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157, and section 2 of this act, as applicable;
- (e) Shall provide the offender with information relating to obtaining employment, including, without limitation, any programs which may provide bonding for an offender entering the workplace and any organizations which may provide employment or bonding assistance to such a person;
- (f) Shall provide the offender with a photo identification card issued by the Department and information and reasonable assistance relating to acquiring a valid driver's license or identification card to enable the offender to obtain employment, if the offender:
 - (1) Requests a photo identification card; or
- (2) Requests such information and assistance and is eligible to acquire a valid driver's license or identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (g) May provide the offender with clothing suitable for reentering society:
- (h) May provide the offender with the cost of transportation to his or her place of residence anywhere within the continental United States, or to the place of his or her conviction;
- (i) May, but is not required to, release the offender to a facility for transitional living for released offenders that is licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS; and
- (j) Shall require the offender to submit to at least one test for exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus.
- 2. The costs authorized in paragraphs (a), (f), (g), (h) and (j) of subsection 1 must be paid out of the appropriate account within the State General Fund for the use of the Department as other claims against the State are paid to the extent that the costs have not been paid in accordance with subsection 5 of NRS 209.221 and NRS 209.246.
 - 3. As used in this section:
- (a) "Facility for transitional living for released offenders" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0055.
- (b) "Photo identification card" means a document which includes the name, date of birth and a color picture of the offender.





- **Sec. 7.** NRS 213.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 213.155 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 [,] and section 2 of this act, a person who receives an honorable discharge from parole pursuant to NRS 213.154:
 - (a) Is immediately restored to the following civil rights:
 - (1) The right to vote; and

- (2) The right to serve as a juror in a civil action.
- (b) Four years after the date of his or her honorable discharge from parole, is restored to the right to hold office.
- (c) Six years after the date of his or her honorable discharge from parole, is restored to the right to serve as a juror in a criminal action.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the civil rights set forth in subsection 1 are not restored to a person who has received an honorable discharge from parole if the person has previously been convicted in this State:
 - (a) Of a category A felony.
- (b) Of an offense that would constitute a category A felony if committed as of the date of his or her honorable discharge from parole.
- (c) Of a category B felony involving the use of force or violence that resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim.
- (d) Of an offense involving the use of force or violence that resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim and that would constitute a category B felony if committed as of the date of his or her honorable discharge from parole.
- (e) Two or more times of a felony, unless a felony for which the person has been convicted arose out of the same act, transaction or occurrence as another felony, in which case the convictions for those felonies shall be deemed to constitute a single conviction for the purposes of this paragraph.
- A person described in this subsection may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order granting the restoration of his or her civil rights as set forth in subsection 1.
 - 3. Except for a person subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 2, upon his or her honorable discharge from parole, a person so discharged must be given an official document which provides:
 - (a) That the person has received an honorable discharge from parole;
 - (b) That the person has been restored to his or her civil rights to vote and to serve as a juror in a civil action as of the date of his or her honorable discharge from parole;
- (c) The date on which his or her civil right to hold office will be restored to the person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1; and





(d) The date on which his or her civil right to serve as a juror in a criminal action will be restored to the person pursuant to

paragraph (c) of subsection 1.

4. Subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 2, a person who has been honorably discharged from parole in this State or elsewhere and whose official documentation of his or her honorable discharge from parole is lost, damaged or destroyed may file a written request with a court of competent jurisdiction to restore his or her civil rights pursuant to this section. Upon verification that the person has been honorably discharged from parole and is eligible to be restored to the civil rights set forth in subsection 1, the court shall issue an order restoring the person to the civil rights set forth in subsection 1. A person must not be required to pay a fee to receive such an order.

5. A person who has been honorably discharged from parole in this State or elsewhere may present:

(a) Official documentation of his or her honorable discharge from parole, if it contains the provisions set forth in subsection 3; or

(b) A court order restoring his or her civil rights,

- → as proof that the person has been restored to the civil rights set forth in subsection 1.
- 6. The Board may adopt regulations necessary or convenient for the purposes of this section.

Sec. 8. NRS 213.157 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 213.157 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 [,] and section 2 of this act, a person convicted of a felony in the State of Nevada who has served his or her sentence and has been released from prison:
 - (a) Is immediately restored to the following civil rights:

(1) The right to vote; and

- (2) The right to serve as a juror in a civil action.
- (b) Four years after the date of his or her release from prison, is restored to the right to hold office.
- (c) Six years after the date of his or her release from prison, is restored to the right to serve as a juror in a criminal action.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the civil rights set forth in subsection 1 are not restored to a person who has been released from prison if the person has previously been convicted in this State:

(a) Of a category A felony.

- (b) Of an offense that would constitute a category A felony if committed as of the date of his or her release from prison.
- (c) Of a category B felony involving the use of force or violence that resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim.





- (d) Of an offense involving the use of force or violence that resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim and that would constitute a category B felony if committed as of the date of his or her release from prison.
- (e) Two or more times of a felony, unless a felony for which the person has been convicted arose out of the same act, transaction or occurrence as another felony, in which case the convictions for those felonies shall be deemed to constitute a single conviction for the purposes of this paragraph.
- A person described in this subsection may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order granting the restoration of his or her civil rights as set forth in subsection 1.
- 3. Except for a person subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 2, upon his or her release from prison, a person so released must be given an official document which provides:
 - (a) That the person has been released from prison;
- (b) That the person has been restored to his or her civil rights to vote and to serve as a juror in a civil action as of the date of his or her release from prison;
- (c) The date on which his or her civil right to hold office will be restored to the person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1; and
- (d) The date on which his or her civil right to serve as a juror in a criminal action will be restored to the person pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1.
- 4. Subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 2, a person who has been released from prison in this State or elsewhere and whose official documentation of his or her release from prison is lost, damaged or destroyed may file a written request with a court of competent jurisdiction to restore his or her civil rights pursuant to this section. Upon verification that the person has been released from prison and is eligible to be restored to the civil rights set forth in subsection 1, the court shall issue an order restoring the person to the civil rights set forth in subsection 1. A person must not be required to pay a fee to receive such an order.
- 5. A person who has been released from prison in this State or elsewhere may present:
 - (a) Official documentation of his or her release from prison, if it contains the provisions set forth in subsection 3; or
 - (b) A court order restoring his or her civil rights,
- → as proof that the person has been restored to the civil rights set forth in subsection 1.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.540 The county clerk shall cancel the registration:





- 1. If the county clerk has personal knowledge of the death of the person registered, or if an authenticated certificate of the death of any elector is filed in the county clerk's office.
- 2. If the county clerk is provided a certified copy of a court order stating that the court specifically finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person registered lacks the mental capacity to vote because he or she cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a specific desire to participate in the voting process.
- 3. Upon the determination that the person registered has been convicted of a felony unless:
- (a) If the person registered was convicted of a felony in this State, the right to vote of the person has been restored pursuant to the provisions of NRS 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157 [...] or section 2 of this act.
- (b) If the person registered was convicted of a felony in another state, the right to vote of the person has been restored pursuant to the laws of the state in which the person was convicted.
- 4. Upon the production of a certified copy of the judgment of any court directing the cancellation to be made.
- 5. Upon the request of any registered voter to affiliate with any political party or to change affiliation, if that change is made before the end of the last day to register to vote in the election.
 - 6. At the request of the person registered.
- 7. If the county clerk has discovered an incorrect registration pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535 and the elector has failed to respond or appear to vote within the required time.
 - 8. As required by NRS 293.541.
- 9. Upon verification that the application to register to vote is a duplicate if the county clerk has the original or another duplicate of the application on file in the county clerk's office.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.543 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.543 1. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, the county clerk shall reregister the elector upon notice from the clerk of the district court that the elector has been found by the district court to have the mental capacity to vote. The court must include the finding in a court order and, not later than 30 days after issuing the order, provide a certified copy of the order to the county clerk of the county in which the person is a resident and to the Office of the Secretary of State.
- 2. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.540, the elector may reregister after





presenting satisfactory evidence which demonstrates that the elector's:

- (a) Conviction has been overturned; or
- (b) Civil rights have been restored:

- (1) If the elector was convicted in this State, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157 [...] or section 2 of this act.
- (2) If the elector was convicted in another state, pursuant to the laws of the state in which he or she was convicted.
- 3. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to the provisions of subsection 5 of NRS 293.540, the elector may reregister immediately.
- 4. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to the provisions of subsection 6 of NRS 293.540, after the close of registration for a primary election, the elector may not reregister until after the primary election.
- **Sec. 11.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this act, a person whose right to own or have in his or her possession or under his or her control any firearm has been restored pursuant to section 2 of this act shall, any time he or she is in possession of a firearm, carry on his or her person a copy of the order restoring such a right that is issued by a court pursuant to subsection 6 of section 2 of this act
- **Sec. 12.** 1. This act becomes effective on October 1, 2015.
 - 2. Section 11 of this act expires by limitation on July 1, 2017.





