



History of Hate Crime Legislation

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History of Hate Crime Legislation in Nevada:

- Original 1989 and 1995 legislation
- Multiple amendments up to 2021
- “Failed” Legislation
- Data Tracking Legislation

NRS 207.185 (1989, AB629)



- “Unless a greater penalty is provided by law, a person who, by reason of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin or sexual orientation of another person or group of persons, violates any provisions of NRS 200.471, 200.481, 203.010, 203.020, 203.030, 203.060, 203.080, 203.090, 203.100, 203.110, 203.119, 206.010, 206.040, 206.140, 206.200, 206.310, 207.180, 207.200, 207.210 or section 2 of this act is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.”

NRS 193.1675 (1995, AB606)



- “Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.169, any person who willfully violates any provision of NRS 200.280, 200.310, 200.366, 200.380, 200.400, 200.460, 200.465 or 200.508, subsection 3 of NRS 200.5099 or paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 200.575 because the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation of the victim was different from that characteristic of the perpetrator, may be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for an additional term not to exceed 25 percent of the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for the crime.”
- Commonly known as the hate crime enhancement.
- Amended 7 times between 1997 and 2013 to add additional crimes to which the hate crime enhancement could be attached.

NRS 193.1675 (2007 amendment)



- Length of enhancement was changed from an additional 25% of the prison sentence imposed for the commission of the underlying crime to an additional 1 to 20 years imprisonment.
- Required courts to consider a list of factors when choosing the length of the enhancement, including the criminal history of the defendant, the facts and circumstances of the underlying crime, and the impact the hate crime had on the victim. This consideration must be stated on the record by the court.

NRS 193.1675 (2021 amendment)



- “...a person willfully violates any provision of law listed in subsection 1 because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of another person or group of persons if the existence of any such protected characteristic is the primary cause in fact for the commission of the crime, regardless of whether one or more other causes for the commission of the crime exist. For an additional penalty to be imposed pursuant to this section, the prosecuting attorney must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the person would not have committed the crime but for the existence of such a protected characteristic.”
- This change standardized the cause needed to attach the enhancement across Nevada’s body of criminal law.
- The bill also mirrored this new language for the hate crime enhancement for various misdemeanors, which is codified in NRS 207.185.

“Failed” Legislation



- SB 171 (2023) and SB89 (2025)
- SB62 (2025)
 - Victims of Crime Compensation Fund eligibility
 - \$30,000 appropriation for each fiscal year of current biennium

Data Tracking



- In 1989, the Legislature required the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History to establish a program for the recording of crimes that are committed based on “prejudice.” (NRS 179A.175)
- Required the Central Repository to report such information to the FBI for inclusion in the Hate Crime Statistics report of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.
- In 2021, the Legislature required law enforcement agencies to submit a monthly report to the Central Repository containing a record of all crimes that “have evidence of prejudice based on race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.” (NRS 193.360)
- This information is available to the public from the Central Repository.

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