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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 451—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS
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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides immunity from civil liability to certain persons returning a firearm under certain circumstances. (BDR 3-1057)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to civil immunity; providing immunity from civil liability to licensed firearm dealers and local law enforcement agencies under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides immunity from civil liability to certain persons for acts
2 or omissions under certain circumstances. (Chapter 41 of NRS) This bill extends
3 immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances to a licensed firearm
4 dealer or local law enforcement agency who returns a firearm to the owner of the
5 firearm pursuant to a firearm hold agreement, wherein the licensed firearm dealer
6 or local law enforcement agency: (1) takes physical possession of the owner’s
7 lawfully possessed firearm at the request of the owner; (2) holds the firearm for an
8 agreed upon period of not less than 21 days; and (3) returns the firearm to the
9 owner according to the terms of the agreement.

1 WHEREAS, Suicide is a public health crisis affecting countless
2 Nevada families and communities daily; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Office of Suicide Prevention of the
4 Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of
5 Health and Human Services, this State had the highest state rate of
6 suicide from 1999-2015 for people 65 years of age or older; and

7 WHEREAS, Suicide prevention for seniors, veterans, military
8 members, their families and all Nevada residents requires expanded



1 secure, out-of-home storage of firearms to reduce access to lethal
2 means; and

3 WHEREAS, Encouraging temporary and voluntary out-of-home
4 storage of firearms is a critical step in reducing suicide risk and
5 saving lives as has been demonstrated by similar acts and programs
6 in other states; and

7 WHEREAS, It is the intent of this act and the Legislature to
8 facilitate efforts to reduce the risk of suicide by establishing limited
9 civil liability protections for licensed firearm dealers and local law
10 enforcement agencies who enter into agreements with owners of
11 firearms who are voluntarily seeking to securely store their firearms;
12 now, therefore,

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14 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
15 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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17 **Section 1.** Chapter 41 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
18 thereto a new section to read as follows:

19 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a licensed
20 firearm dealer or local law enforcement agency is immune from
21 civil liability for any act or omission arising from a firearm hold
22 agreement, including, without limitation, any personal injury or
23 death which results after the return of any firearm to the owner of
24 the firearm at the termination of a firearm hold agreement.*

25 *2. A licensed firearm dealer or local law enforcement agency
26 is not immune from civil liability pursuant to subsection 1 if:*

27 *(a) An action arising from a firearm hold agreement was the
28 result of gross negligence or reckless or unlawful conduct on the
29 part of the licensed firearm dealer or local law enforcement
30 agency; or*

31 *(b) The licensed firearm dealer or local law enforcement
32 agency knew at the time the person sought to retrieve a firearm
33 pursuant to a firearm hold agreement that the person was:*

34 *(1) Demonstrating behavior that the person would engage
35 in the unlawful use of the firearm;*

36 *(2) Demonstrating behavior that the person would cause
37 harm to himself or herself or another person; or*

38 *(3) Prohibited from owning, possessing or having under his
39 or her custody or control any firearm pursuant to NRS 202.360.*

40 *3. As used in this section:*

41 *(a) "Firearm hold agreement" means a written or oral
42 agreement between an owner of a firearm and a licensed firearm
43 dealer or local law enforcement agency in which a licensed
44 firearm dealer or local law enforcement agency:*



1 (1) *Takes physical possession of the owner's lawfully*
2 *possessed firearm at the request of the owner;*

3 (2) *Holds the firearm for an agreed upon period of not less*
4 *than 21 days; and*

5 (3) *Returns the firearm to the owner according to the terms*
6 *of the agreement.*

7 (b) *"Licensed firearm dealer" means a person licensed*
8 *pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 923(a).*

9 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

10 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

11 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

12 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

13 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

14 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

15 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

16 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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18 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

19 **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)

20 **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)

21 **Sec. 14.** (Deleted by amendment.)

22 **Sec. 15.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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