
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 138—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE,
AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF DIVISION OF WILDLIFE)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to collisions, accidents and other casualties involving watercraft. (BDR 43-447)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: 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 watercraft; increasing the threshold amount of property damage at which an operator is required to report a casualty involving his vessel; requiring the division of wildlife of the state department of conservation and natural resources to investigate certain casualties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 488.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 488.550 1. The operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident
3 or other casualty shall, so far as he can do so without serious danger to his
4 own vessel, crew and passengers, render to other persons affected by the
5 casualty such assistance as may be practicable and as may be necessary to
6 save them from or minimize any danger caused by the casualty, and shall
7 give his name, address and *the* identification of his vessel in writing to any
8 person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the casualty.
9 2. In the case of collision, accident or other casualty involving a vessel,
10 the operator thereof, if the casualty results in death or injury to a person or
11 damage to property in excess of ~~[\$200,]~~ ***\$500***, shall file with the division of
12 wildlife of the state department of conservation and natural resources a full

1 description of the casualty, including , **without limitation**, such information
2 as the commission may, by regulation, require.

3 3. Upon receipt of a claim under a policy of insurance with respect to a
4 collision, accident or other casualty for which a report is required by
5 subsection 2, the insurer shall provide written notice to the insured of his
6 responsibility pursuant to subsection 2 to file with the division of wildlife a
7 full description of the casualty.

8 4. Upon receipt of a request for repair with respect to a collision,
9 accident or other casualty for which a report is required by subsection 2,
10 the person who repairs the vessel shall provide written notice to the person
11 requesting the repairs of the requirement set forth in subsection 2 that the
12 operator file with the division of wildlife a full description of the casualty.

13 5. The insurer and the person who repairs a vessel shall transmit a copy
14 of each notice they provide pursuant to subsections 3 and 4, respectively, to
15 the division of wildlife at the same time ~~that~~ **the notice** is provided to the
16 **insured or** person requesting the repairs.

17 **6. The division of wildlife shall investigate or cause to be investigated**
18 **a collision, accident or other casualty involving a vessel which results in**
19 **death or substantial bodily injury and shall gather evidence to be used in**
20 **the prosecution of a person charged with violating a law in connection**
21 **with the collision, accident or other casualty. The division of wildlife may**
22 **investigate or cause to be investigated a collision, accident or other**
23 **casualty involving a vessel which does not result in death or substantial**
24 **bodily injury and may gather evidence to be used in the prosecution of a**
25 **person charged with violating a law in connection with the collision,**
26 **accident or other casualty.**