

SENATE BILL NO. 107—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates position of weed control analyst within division of agriculture of department of business and industry. (BDR 49-923)

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

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

AN ACT relating to the division of agriculture of the department of business and industry; creating the position of weed control analyst within the division; providing the duties of the weed control analyst; 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.** Chapter 555 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2. 1. *The position of weed control analyst is hereby created in***
4 ***the division.***
- 5 **2. *The administrator shall appoint the weed control analyst. The***
6 ***person so appointed:***
- 7 ***(a) Is in the classified service of the state;***
8 ***(b) Must be a scientist who possesses a master's degree in one of the biological***
9 ***sciences from an accredited college or university; and***
10 ***(c) Must be selected on the basis of his training, experience, capability and***
11 ***interest in biological methods of controlling noxious weeds.***
- 12 **Sec. 3. *The weed control analyst shall:***
- 13 **1. *Research biological methods of controlling noxious weeds in this***
14 ***state;***
- 15 **2. *Document the effectiveness of those methods in controlling***
16 ***noxious weeds;***

1 **3. Develop strategies for managing noxious weeds in this state; and**

2 **4. Perform such other duties as directed by the administrator.**

3 **Sec. 4.** NRS 561.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 561.305 The division shall establish and maintain a laboratory or
5 laboratories for the following purposes:

6 1. The diagnosis of infectious, contagious and parasitic diseases of
7 livestock, as may be necessary under the provisions of chapter 571 of NRS.

8 2. The diagnosis of infectious, contagious and parasitic diseases of bees, as may
9 be necessary under the provisions of NRS 552.085 to
10 552.310, inclusive.

11 3. The diagnosis of infectious, contagious and destructive diseases of
12 agricultural commodities, and infestations thereof by pests, as may be necessary
13 under the provisions of NRS 554.010 to 554.240, inclusive.

14 4. The survey and identification of insect pests, plant diseases and noxious
15 weeds, and the maintenance of a herbarium, as may be necessary
16 under the provisions of NRS 555.010 to 555.249, inclusive ~~H~~, **and sections 2 and 3**
17 **of this act.**

18 5. The testing of pesticides, as may be necessary under the provisions of NRS
19 555.2605 to 555.460, inclusive, and 586.010 to 586.450, inclusive.

20 6. The safekeeping and maintenance of official standards of weights and
21 measures , as may be necessary under the provisions of chapter 581 of
22 NRS.

23 7. The testing and grading of agricultural products and the testing of
24 the purity and germinating power of agricultural seeds and the testing of the spray
25 residue contained in produce, as may be necessary under the
26 provisions of chapter 587 of NRS.

27 8. The analysis and testing of commercial fertilizers and agricultural
28 minerals , as may be necessary under the provisions of NRS 588.010 to 588.350,
29 inclusive.

30 9. The analysis and testing of petroleum products, as may be necessary under the
31 provisions of NRS 590.010 to 590.150, inclusive.

32 10. The analysis and testing of antifreeze, as may be necessary under the
33 provisions of NRS 590.340 to 590.450, inclusive.

34 11. Any laboratory examinations, diagnoses, analyses or testing as may be
35 deemed necessary by the administrator and which can be made
36 with equipment available in any such laboratory. Any ~~citizen~~ **resident of this state**
37 may submit samples to the division for examination, diagnosis,
38 analysis or testing, subject to such rules and regulations as may be
39 promulgated by the administrator.

40 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

