
SENATE BILL NO. 216—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY)

FEBRUARY 18, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing issuance of building permits to require political subdivisions in certain counties to pay fee for issuance of such permits. (BDR 22-267)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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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 the regulation of construction; revising provisions governing the issuance of building permits to require political subdivisions in certain counties to pay the fee for the issuance of such permits; 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 278.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 278.580 1. Subject to the limitation set forth in NRS 244.368, the
3 governing body of any city or county may adopt a building code, specifying
4 the design, soundness and materials of structures, and may adopt rules,
5 ordinances and regulations for the enforcement of the building code.
6 2. The governing body may also fix a reasonable schedule of fees for
7 the issuance of building permits. ***[A] Except as otherwise provided in this***
8 ***subsection, a*** schedule of fees so fixed does not apply to the State of
9 Nevada ~~and~~ ***or its political subdivisions. A schedule of fees so fixed by***
10 ***the governing body of a county whose population is 400,000 or more or***
11 ***of a city in such a county applies to the political subdivisions within that***
12 ***county.***

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state and its political subdivisions shall comply with all zoning regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, except for the expansion of any activity existing on April 23, 1971.

4. A local governing body shall amend its building codes to permit the use of straw or other materials and technologies which conserve scarce natural resources or resources that are renewable in the construction of a structure and the use of solar energy for the heating of a structure, to the extent the local climate allows, as intended by:

(a) The Uniform Building Code adopted by the International Conference of Building Officials in the form most recently published before March 1, 1995; and

(b) The Model Energy Code adopted by the Council of American Building Officials in the form most recently published before March 1, 1995.

Sec. 2. NRS 244.3675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.3675 Subject to the limitations contained in NRS 244.368, 278.580, 278.582 and 444.340 to 444.430, inclusive, the boards of county commissioners within their respective counties may:

1. Regulate all matters relating to the construction, maintenance and safety of buildings, structures and property within the county.

2. Adopt any building, electrical, plumbing or safety code necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and establish such fees as may be necessary. ~~These~~ **Except as otherwise provided in NRS 278.580, these** fees do not apply to the State of Nevada ~~and~~ **or** its political subdivisions.

Sec. 3. NRS 268.413 is hereby amended to read as follows:

268.413 Subject to the limitations contained in NRS 244.368, 278.580, 278.582 and 444.340 to 444.430, inclusive, the city council or other governing body of an incorporated city may:

1. Regulate all matters relating to the construction, maintenance and safety of buildings, structures and property within the city.

2. Adopt any building, electrical, plumbing or safety code necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and establish such fees as may be necessary. ~~These~~ **Except as otherwise provided in NRS 278.580, these** fees do not apply to the State of Nevada ~~and~~ **or** its political subdivisions.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.