Senate Bill No. 343–Committee on Natural Resources

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AN ACT relating to vessels; revising the provisions governing the payment of storage fees for certain vessels stored to preserve evidence of the commission of a crime; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- **Section 1.** NRS 488.910 is hereby amended to read as follows: 488.910 1. If a peace officer has probable cause to believe that a vessel or its contents contain evidence tending to show that a criminal offense has been committed or that a particular person has committed an offense, the officer may take whatever steps are reasonable to ensure the preservation of [such] the evidence including safe storage of the vessel or its contents.
- 2. If a criminal conviction is obtained as a result of an action taken pursuant to subsection 1, the person convicted shall pay any storage fees incurred pursuant to that subsection. If a conviction is not obtained, the [division of wildlife of the state department of conservation and natural resources] law enforcement agency that seized the vessel pursuant to subsection 1 shall pay those fees.

 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.