

SENATE BILL NO. 384—SENATOR SHAFFER

MARCH 12, 1999

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Requires electric utility that places high-voltage wires on private property without owner's permission to pay compensation to owner. (BDR 58-1494)

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 utilities; requiring an electric utility that places high-voltage wires on private property without the owner's permission to pay compensation to the owner; 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 704 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:

3 1. *If an electric utility places wires carrying high voltage on, over or*
4 *under private property without the written permission of the owner, the*
5 *owner is entitled to compensation for the presence, and any hazard*
6 *resulting from the presence, of the wires. The owner may recover this*
7 *compensation within 15 years after he discovers that the wires were*
8 *placed or that high voltage is being carried by wires previously placed.*

9 2. *If the utility's failure to negotiate in good faith causes the owner*
10 *to seek legal action to recover compensation, the owner is also entitled to*
11 *recover his costs and attorney's fees in bringing the action.*

12 3. *As used in this section, "high voltage" means voltage greater than*
13 *240 volts.*

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

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