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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 230—ASSEMBLYMEN MORTENSON,  
 DE BRAGA, CHOWNING AND MCCLAIN

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAWSON AND RHOADS

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to protection of cultural resources.  
 (BDR 33-600)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
 Effect on the State: 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 cultural resources; requiring the administrator of the office of historic preservation of the department of museums, library and arts to establish a stewardship program for the protection of cultural resources; 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 383 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
- 2     the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.
- 3     **Sec. 2. 1. *The administrator shall, by regulation, establish a***
- 4     *stewardship program to:*
- 5         ***(a) Protect cultural resources in this state;***
- 6         ***(b) Increase public awareness of the significance and value of***
- 7         ***cultural resources and the damage done to cultural resources by***
- 8         ***vandalism;***
- 9         ***(c) Discourage vandalism of cultural resources and the sale and trade***
- 10        ***of artifacts;***
- 11        ***(d) Support the adoption and enforcement of national, state, tribal and***
- 12        ***local laws and regulations to preserve cultural resources;***
- 13        ***(e) Support and encourage high standards for the investigation of***
- 14        ***cultural resources throughout this state;***
- 15        ***(f) Promote cooperation among agencies, organizations, native***
- 16        ***American tribes and natural persons who are concerned about the***
- 17        ***protection of cultural resources and enter into agreements with such***



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1 *agencies, organizations, native American tribes and natural persons to*  
2 *promote the protection of cultural resources; and*

3 *(g) Add to the inventory of cultural resources maintained pursuant to*  
4 *NRS 383.021.*

5 *2. The administrator shall select, train and certify volunteers to serve*  
6 *in the stewardship program based upon policy, criteria and procedures*  
7 *established by the administrator.*

8 *3. The stewardship program must:*

9 *(a) In cooperation with agencies, organizations, native American*  
10 *tribes and natural persons who are concerned about the protection of*  
11 *cultural resources, create a list of sites that are cultural resources in this*  
12 *state for monitoring;*

13 *(b) Establish activities for periodic monitoring by volunteers of*  
14 *cultural resources on the list created pursuant to paragraph (a);*

15 *(c) Establish requirements for reporting damage, threats of damage or*  
16 *vandalism of cultural resources to appropriate authorities as determined*  
17 *by the administrator; and*

18 *(d) Establish programs for educating the public concerning the*  
19 *significance and value of cultural resources and the loss to the public*  
20 *resulting from damage to cultural resources.*

21 *4. The administrator shall coordinate the cooperation of federal*  
22 *authorities, native American tribes and state and local governmental*  
23 *agencies, as necessary, to carry out the stewardship program.*

24 *5. The administrator and the office shall provide administrative*  
25 *support to the stewardship program.*

26 *6. Volunteers selected for the stewardship program serve without*  
27 *compensation and are not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or*  
28 *travel expenses.*

29 *7. The administrator may accept gifts and grants to assist in the*  
30 *operation of the stewardship program.*

31 **Secs. 3. and 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 5.** NRS 383.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 383.011 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

34 1. "Administrator" means the administrator of the office.

35 2. "Advisory board" means the board of museums and history.

36 3. *"Artifacts" includes both archeological and paleontological*  
37 *materials.*

38 4. *"Cultural resources" means objects, sites and information of*  
39 *historic, prehistoric, archeological, architectural, paleontological or*  
40 *traditional significance.*

41 5. "Director" means the director of the department of museums, library  
42 and arts.

43 ~~14-1~~ 6. "Office" means the office of historic preservation of the  
44 department of museums, library and arts.

45 **Sec. 6.** NRS 383.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 383.021 1. The office of historic preservation is hereby created.

47 2. The office shall:

48 (a) Encourage, plan and coordinate historic preservation and  
49 archeological activities within the state, including programs to survey,



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1 record, study and preserve or salvage ~~objects, localities and information of~~  
2 ~~historic, prehistoric and paleoenvironmental significance.~~ *cultural*  
3 *resources.*

4 (b) Compile and maintain an inventory of ~~historic, archeological and~~  
5 ~~architectural~~ *cultural* resources in Nevada deemed significant by the  
6 administrator.

7 (c) Designate repositories for the materials that comprise the inventory.

8 3. The Comstock historic district commission is within the office.

9 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

