### ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 97-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

# (ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY)

## FEBRUARY 12, 2001

### Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing waste of water. (BDR 20-183)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material; is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to water; authorizing a board of county commissioners or the governing body of an incorporated city to include in certain ordinances a provision that authorizes certain persons or governmental entities to make the prohibition against the wasteful use of water a condition of providing water service or to assess and collect a monetary penalty from customers or users under certain circumstances; 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 244.3665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.3665 The board of county commissioners may prohibit any waste of water within the unincorporated areas of the county by customers of a public water system. Any ordinance adopted [under] pursuant to the provisions of this section may:

- 1. Classify the conditions under which specified kinds and amounts of consumption or expenditure of water are wasteful;
- 2. Provide for reasonable notice to water users in any such area indicating which of **[such]** those conditions, if any, exist in that area;
- 3. [Allow] In accordance with the standards adopted by the board, authorize any person, group of persons, partnership, corporation, or other business or governmental entity [which:
  - (a) Furnishes that furnishes water to persons within [such] those areas of the county for business, manufacturing, agricultural or household use [; and
  - (b) Isl and is not a public utility regulated by the public utilities commission of Nevada [, to]:
- (a) To make the prohibition against the wasteful use of water a condition of providing water service;



- (b) To reduce or terminate water service to any customer who wastes water [, according to reasonable standards adopted by the board;]; or
- (c) To assess and collect a monetary penalty from a customer specified in paragraph (b); and
- 4. Provide other appropriate penalties for *a* violation of the ordinance which are based upon the classification adopted [under] pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1.

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- Sec. 2. NRS 268.411 is hereby amended to read as follows:

  The governing body of an incorporated city may prohibit by ordinance any waste of water within its jurisdiction. Any ordinance adopted [under] pursuant to the provisions of this section may:
- 1. Classify the conditions under which specified kinds and amounts of consumption or expenditure of water are wasteful;
- 2. Provide for reasonable notice of which of such those conditions, if any, exist in the city;
- 3. [Allow] In accordance with the standards adopted by the governing body, authorize any person, group of persons, partnership, corporation, or other business or governmental entity which:
- (a) Furnishes that furnishes water to persons within the city for business, manufacturing, agricultural or household use [; and
- (b) Is and is not a public utility regulated by the public utilities
- commission of Nevada [, to]:
  (a) To make the prohibition against the wasteful use of water a condition of providing water service;
- (b) To reduce or terminate water service to any customer or user who wastes water [, according to reasonable standards adopted by the board;];
- 28 (c) To assess and collect a monetary penalty from a customer or user 29 specified in paragraph (b); and
- 30 4. Provide other appropriate penalties for *a* violation of the ordinance 31 which are based upon the classification adopted [under] pursuant to the 32 *provisions of* subsection 1.
  - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

