

SENATE BILL NO. 150—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes board of county commissioners to provide by ordinance for civil liability for person who violates certain ordinances relating to control of animals. (BDR 20-413)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 county government; authorizing a board of county commissioners to provide by ordinance for civil liability for a person who violates certain ordinances relating to the control of animals; 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 244.359 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 244.359 1. Each board of county commissioners may enact and
3 enforce an ordinance or ordinances:
4 (a) Fixing, imposing and collecting an annual license fee on dogs and
5 providing for the capture and disposal of all dogs on which the license fee
6 is not paid.
7 (b) Regulating or prohibiting the running at large and disposal of all
8 kinds of animals.
9 (c) Establishing a pound, appointing a poundkeeper and prescribing his
10 duties.
11 (d) Prohibiting cruelty to animals.
12 2. Any ordinance or ordinances enacted pursuant to the provisions of
13 paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 may apply throughout an entire
14 county or govern only a limited area within the county which shall be
15 specified in the ordinance or ordinances.
16 3. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a board of county*
17 *commissioners may by ordinance provide that the violation of a*
18 *particular ordinance enacted pursuant to this section imposes a civil*
19 *liability to the county in an amount not to exceed \$500, instead of a*



1 *criminal penalty. An ordinance enacted pursuant to this section that*
2 *creates an offense relating to bites of animals, vicious or dangerous*
3 *animals, horse tripping or cruelty to animals must impose a criminal*
4 *penalty for the offense.*

5 4. *As used in this section:*

6 (a) *“Horse tripping” means participation in a public exhibition to trip*
7 *or fell intentionally a horse by the legs, by any means, for the purpose of*
8 *entertainment or sport.*

9 (b) *“Trip or fell” means to cause a horse to fall or lose its balance*
10 *with the use of a wire, pole, stick, rope or other object. The term does not*
11 *include the lawful laying down of a horse for medical purposes or for the*
12 *purposes of identification.*

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

