

SENATE BILL NO. 344—SENATOR SHAFFER

MARCH 14, 2001

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to underground water. (BDR 48-956)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 underground water; authorizing certain persons to accumulate a credit toward the cost of connecting to a water supply provided by certain entities; requiring the state engineer to adopt certain regulations relating to such a credit; 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 534 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. A person who obtains water from a domestic well that is equipped***
4 ***with a meter which measures the amount of water drawn from the well***
5 ***and who, following use, circulates that water through a septic tank and***
6 ***leach field is entitled to accumulate credit toward the cost of the local***
7 ***and regional connection fees and capital improvements necessary for***
8 ***making the connection to a water supply provided by an entity such as a***
9 ***water district or municipality engaged in furnishing water in an amount***
10 ***equal to 25 cents per gallon of water that is circulated through the septic***
11 ***tank and leach field.***
12 ***2. If a person who has accumulated credit pursuant to subsection 1***
13 ***desires to or is required to obtain water from an entity such as a water***
14 ***district or municipality engaged in furnishing water, the cost of the local***
15 ***and regional connection fees and capital improvements necessary for***
16 ***making the connection to the water supply provided by the entity must be***
17 ***reduced by the amount of credit the person has accumulated pursuant to***
18 ***subsection 1, up to a maximum reduction of the full amount of the cost***
19 ***of such fees and improvements.***



1 **3. *The state engineer shall adopt regulations that provide a method***
2 ***for calculating the amount of water a person, following use, circulates***
3 ***through a septic tank and leach field. Such a method must be based upon***
4 ***the amount of water the person draws from a domestic well, as reflected***
5 ***on the meter that measures the amount of water drawn from the well.***
6 **Sec. 2.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 354.599 do not apply
7 to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
8 provisions of this act.
9 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the
10 purpose of adopting regulations by the state engineer and on
11 October 1, 2001, for all other purposes.

