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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 57—ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON,
PARKS, ANDONOV, BUCKLEY, CLABORN, COLLINS,
CONKLIN, GEDDES, GIUNCHIGLIANI, HETTRICK,
HORNE, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, MCCLAIN,
OCEGUERA AND WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Provides for adoption of certain seismic requirements by State Public Works Board and certain governing bodies. (BDR 28-206)

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

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

Green numbers along left margin indicate location on the printed bill (e.g., 5-15 indicates page 5, line 15).

AN ACT relating to construction; providing for the adoption of certain seismic requirements by the State Public Works Board and certain governing bodies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1-1 **Section 1.** Chapter 341 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
1-2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
1-3 *For the purposes of the design, construction or repair of*
1-4 *buildings or other projects of this state, the Board* IN ITS
REGULATIONS ADOPTING THE MOST RECENT

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SUBMITTED BY: Wayne Carlson

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INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE WITH NECESSARY AMENDMENTS *shall adopt :*

¹⁻⁵ **1. *The seismic provisions of the International Building Code***
¹⁻⁶ ***adopted by the International Code Council; and***

¹⁻⁷ **2. SHALL REQUIRE USE OF *The guidelines [adopted]***
DEVELOPED BY THE NEVADA EARTHQUAKE SAFETY
COUNCIL FOR [by] *the Division of Emergency Management of*
the Department of Public Safety [pursuant to section 3 of this
act.] FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF HAZARDS
RELATING TO SEISMIC²⁻⁴ ACTIVITY, INCLUDING,
WITHOUT LIMITATION:

¹⁻⁸ **1. POTENTIAL SURFACE RUPTURES; AND**

³⁻² **2. LIQUEFACTION.**

¹⁻¹⁰ **Sec. 2.** NRS 278.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

¹⁻¹¹ **278.580 1.** Subject to the limitation set forth in NRS
244.368,

¹⁻¹² **the governing body of any city or county may adopt a building**
code,

¹⁻¹³ **specifying the design, soundness and materials of structures, and**

²⁻¹ **may adopt rules, ordinances and regulations for the enforcement**
of

²⁻² **the building code.**

²⁻³ **2.** The governing body may also fix a reasonable schedule of
²⁻⁴ **fees for the issuance of building permits. A schedule of fees so**
fixed

²⁻⁵ **does not apply to the State of Nevada, the University and**

²⁻⁶ **Community College System of Nevada or any school district,**
except

²⁻⁷ **that such entities may contract with the governing body to pay**
such

²⁻⁸ **fees for the issuance of building permits, the review of plans and**
the

²⁻⁹ **inspection of construction. Except as it may agree to in such a**

²⁻¹⁰ **contract, a governing body is not required to provide for the**
review

2-11 of plans or the inspection of construction with respect to a
2-12 structure

2-12 of the State of Nevada, the University and Community College
2-13 System of Nevada or any school district.

2-14 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State and
its

2-15 political subdivisions shall comply with all zoning regulations
2-16 adopted pursuant to this chapter, except for the expansion of any
2-17 activity existing on April 23, 1971.

2-18 4. A ~~local~~ governing body shall amend its building codes to
2-19 permit the use of straw or other materials and technologies
which

2-20 conserve scarce natural resources or resources that are renewable
in

2-21 the construction of a structure and the use of solar energy for the
2-22 heating of a structure, to the extent the local climate allows, as
2-23 intended by:

2-24 (a) The Uniform Building Code adopted by the International
2-25 Conference of Building Officials in the form most recently
2-26 published before March 1, 1995; and

2-27 (b) The Model Energy Code adopted by the Council of
2-28 American Building Officials in the form most recently published
2-29 before March 1, 1995.

2-30 5. *A governing body shall* IN ITS REGULATIONS
ADOPTING THE MOST RECENT INTERNATIONAL
BUILDING CODE WITH NECESSARY AMENDMENTS
amend its building codes to 2-31 *include:*

2-32 (a) *The seismic provisions of the International Building*
Code 2-33 *adopted by the International Code Council; and*

2-34 (b) . SHALL REQUIRE USE OF *The guidelines [adopted]*
DEVELOPED BY THE NEVADA EARTHQUAKE SAFETY
COUNCIL FOR [by] *the Division of Emergency* 2-35 *Management*
of the Department of Public Safety [pursuant to 2-36 *section 3 of*
this act.] FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF HAZARDS

RELATING TO SEISMIC²⁻⁴³ ACTIVITY, INCLUDING,
WITHOUT LIMITATION:³⁻¹

1. POTENTIAL SURFACE RUPTURES; AND³⁻²

2. LIQUEFACTION.

²⁻³⁷ Sec. 3. Chapter 414 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
²⁻³⁸ thereto a new section to read as follows:

²⁻³⁹ [*For the purpose of the inspection of structures and the*
²⁻⁴⁰ *enforcement of building codes pursuant to NRS 278.570,*
278.573, ²⁻⁴¹ 278.575 and 341.145, the Chief shall adopt by
regulation²⁻⁴² guidelines for the investigation of hazards relating
to seismic²⁻⁴³ activity, including, without limitation:

³⁻¹ 1. *Potential surface ruptures; and*

³⁻² 2. *Liquefaction.*]

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