

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 467—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Authorizes State Forester Firewarden to carry forward money to purchase, repair and maintain certain equipment and vehicles. (BDR 42-1257)

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 the State Forester Firewarden; authorizing the State Forester Firewarden to carry forward certain unexpended revenue and expend the money to purchase, repair and maintain certain equipment and vehicles; 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 472 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3     **Sec. 2. 1. *Any revenue collected by the State Forester***  
4     ***Firewarden from the Federal Government, local governments and***  
5     ***other state governments for expenses incurred in the suppression***  
6     ***of fire or response to emergencies in a fiscal year, which is in***  
7     ***excess of the amounts authorized for expenditure from that***  
8     ***revenue source in the budgets of the State Forester Firewarden for***  
9     ***that fiscal year, does not lapse to the State General Fund but must***  
10    ***be carried forward to the next fiscal year.***

11    **2. *The money carried forward pursuant to subsection 1 may***  
12    ***be expended or carried forward for an additional 2 fiscal years to***  
13    ***allow a sufficient amount of money to accumulate to carry out the***  
14    ***provisions of this section. The money may be carried forward for***



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1 *more than 2 fiscal years upon request by the State Forester*  
2 *Firewarden and approval by the Director of the Department of*  
3 *Administration and the Interim Finance Committee.*

4 *3. The money carried forward pursuant to subsections 1 and*  
5 *2 must only be used to purchase, repair and maintain equipment*  
6 *and vehicles used by the Division of Forestry of the State*  
7 *Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.*

8 *4. Before the State Forester Firewarden may commit money*  
9 *for expenditure pursuant to subsection 3, a schedule of proposed*  
10 *purchases, repairs and maintenance of equipment or vehicles*  
11 *must be approved by the Interim Finance Committee upon*  
12 *recommendation by the Director of the Department of*  
13 *Administration.*

14 **Sec. 3.** *1. Any money deposited in the Division of Forestry*  
15 *Account pursuant to NRS 209.231 for the Conservation Camps*  
16 *Budget in a fiscal year, which is in excess of the amounts*  
17 *authorized for expenditure from that source in the Conservation*  
18 *Camps Budget of the Division of Forestry for that fiscal year, does*  
19 *not lapse to the State General Fund but must be carried forward to*  
20 *the next fiscal year.*

21 *2. The money carried forward pursuant to subsection 1 may*  
22 *be expended or carried forward for an additional 2 fiscal years to*  
23 *allow a sufficient amount of money to accumulate to carry out the*  
24 *provisions of this section. The money may be carried forward for*  
25 *more than 2 fiscal years upon request by the State Forester*  
26 *Firewarden and approval by the Director of the Department of*  
27 *Administration and the Interim Finance Committee.*

28 *3. The money carried forward pursuant to subsections 1 and*  
29 *2 must only be used to purchase, repair and maintain equipment*  
30 *and vehicles used in the operation of conservation camps.*

31 *4. Before the State Forester Firewarden may commit money*  
32 *for expenditure pursuant to subsection 3, a schedule of proposed*  
33 *purchases, repairs and maintenance of equipment or vehicles*  
34 *must be approved by the Interim Finance Committee upon*  
35 *recommendation by the Director of the Department of*  
36 *Administration.*

37 **Sec. 4.** NRS 209.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 209.231 1. Any money received from the operation of any  
39 conservation camp established under this chapter or from the  
40 assignment of any crew of a conservation camp to the extent that the  
41 money is not used for salaries, overhead or operating expenses of  
42 any camp or crew, must be placed in the Division of Forestry  
43 Account.

44 2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act,*  
45 *the* State Forester Firewarden, as Executive Head of the Division of



1 Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural  
2 Resources, may:

3 (a) Expend the money received pursuant to subsection 1 for:

4 (1) The renovation, repair or improvement of buildings and  
5 real property for any conservation camp.

6 (2) The acquisition of special clothing, tools and equipment  
7 and payment of expenses directly related to work projects performed  
8 by a crew of a conservation camp such as, but not limited to, the  
9 costs of utilities and operation of equipment.

10 (b) Direct all activities in connection with any renovation, repair  
11 or improvement of buildings and real property for any conservation  
12 camp or work project of a conservation camp.

13 **Sec. 5.** NRS 218.6827 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 218.6827 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2  
15 and 3, the Interim Finance Committee may exercise the powers  
16 conferred upon it by law only when the Legislature is not in regular  
17 or special session.

18 2. During a regular session, the Interim Finance Committee  
19 may also perform the duties imposed on it by subsection 5 of NRS  
20 284.115, subsection 2 of NRS 321.335, NRS 322.007, subsection 2  
21 of NRS 323.020, NRS 323.050, subsection 1 of NRS 323.100, NRS  
22 353.220, 353.224, 353.2705 to 353.2771, inclusive, and 353.335,  
23 paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 407.0762 and NRS 428.375,  
24 439.620, 439.630, 445B.830 and 538.650 ~~§~~, and sections 2 and 3  
25 of this act. In performing those duties, the Senate Standing  
26 Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on  
27 Ways and Means may meet separately and transmit the results of  
28 their respective votes to the Chairman of the Interim Finance  
29 Committee to determine the action of the Interim Finance  
30 Committee as a whole.

31 3. During a regular or special session, the Interim Finance  
32 Committee may exercise the powers and duties conferred upon it  
33 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 353.2705 to 353.2771, inclusive.

34 4. If the Interim Finance Committee determines that a  
35 fundamental review of the base budget of a state agency is  
36 necessary, it shall, by resolution, notify the Legislative Commission  
37 of that finding for assignment of the review to a legislative  
38 committee for the fundamental review of the base budgets of state  
39 agencies established pursuant to NRS 218.5382.

40 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

