

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 444—ASSEMBLYMEN PIERCE, LESLIE, GIUNCHIGLIANI, PARKS, ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, DENIS, GERHARDT, HOGAN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON AND OCEGUERA

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing solid waste disposal sites. (BDR 40-307)

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

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

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AN ACT relating to solid waste; requiring the State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations establishing standards for the construction of liner and leachate collection systems for certain solid waste disposal sites and requiring the installation of a liner and leachate collection system at certain such sites; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations  
2 concerning solid waste management systems, including regulations concerning  
3 permits to construct or operate a disposal site. (NRS 444.560)

4 This bill requires the State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations  
5 that: (1) establish standards for the construction of liner and leachate collection  
6 systems for certain solid waste disposal sites; and (2) require the installation of a  
7 liner and leachate collection system at certain new disposal sites and at any lateral  
8 expansion of certain existing disposal sites.

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

1      **Section 1.** NRS 444.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2          444.560 1. The State Environmental Commission shall adopt  
3 regulations concerning solid waste management systems, or any part



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1 thereof, including regulations establishing standards for the  
2 issuance, renewal, modification, suspension, revocation and denial  
3 of, and for the imposition of terms and conditions for, a permit to  
4 construct or operate a disposal site.

5     2. *The State Environmental Commission shall adopt  
6 regulations:*

7         (a) *Establishing standards for the construction of an  
8 engineered liner and leachate collection system for all new  
9 municipal solid waste landfills and all lateral expansions of  
10 existing municipal solid waste landfills if either accepts more than  
11 200 tons per day of solid waste on an annual average; and*

12         (b) *Requiring the installation of an engineered liner and  
13 leachate collection system for all new municipal solid waste  
14 landfills and all lateral expansions of existing municipal solid  
15 waste landfills if either accepts more than 200 tons per day of solid  
16 waste on an annual average.*

17     3. The State Environmental Commission may establish a  
18 schedule of fees for the importation of solid waste into the State.  
19 The *State* Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may  
20 use the money collected under the schedule to defray the cost of  
21 managing and regulating the disposal in this State of solid waste  
22 which is generated outside of the State.

23     ~~3.~~ 4. Notice of the intention to adopt and the adoption of any  
24 regulation or schedule of fees must be given to the clerk of the  
25 governing board of all municipalities in this State.

26     ~~4.~~ 5. Within a reasonable time, as fixed by the State  
27 Environmental Commission, after the adoption of any regulation, no  
28 governing board of a municipality or person may operate or permit  
29 an operation in violation of the regulation.

