

SENATE BILL NO. 293—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Creates position of Weed Control Coordinator within State Department of Agriculture. (BDR 49-431)

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 noxious weeds; creating the position of Weed Control Coordinator within the State Department of Agriculture; requiring the Director of the Department to retain a portion of certain annual registration fees for use by the Director and the Weed Control Coordinator for the eradication and control of noxious weeds in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Chapter 555 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The position of Weed Control Coordinator is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Director shall appoint the Weed Control Coordinator. The person so appointed:

(a) Is in the classified service of the State;

(b) Must possess a bachelor's degree in one of the agricultural or biological sciences from an accredited college or university;

(c) Must have at least 1 year of work experience in a field of study specified in paragraph (b); and

(d) Must be selected on the basis of his training, experience, capability and interest in:



(1) *Eradicating and controlling noxious weeds; and*
(2) *Managing and supervising groups of persons in the eradication and control of noxious weeds.*

3. *The Weed Control Coordinator shall:*

(a) *If requested by an association or other private entity that is organized within a county to control or assist in the control of noxious weeds within the county:*

(1) *Coordinate the activities of that association or private entity with the activities of any other similar association or private entity concerning the control of noxious weeds; and*

(2) *Provide assistance to the association or private entity relating to the activities of the association or private entity; and*

(b) *Carry out any other duty relating to the control of noxious weeds in this State assigned to him by the Director.*

Sec. 2. NRS 586.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

586.270 1. A registrant shall pay an annual registration fee in an amount established by regulation of the Director , ***which must not be less than \$20,*** for each brand of pesticide registered.

2. The Director shall, for each annual registration fee he collects ~~it~~:

(a) ***Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), deposit in a separate account the amount established for that purpose by ~~regulation of~~ the Director ~~it~~ pursuant to subsection 1; and***

(b) ***Deposit in a separate account an amount that is equal to \$20 of the annual registration fee for use pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3.***

3. The money deposited in ~~the~~:

(a) ***The account maintained pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 must be used for the disposal of pesticides and to monitor pesticides and protect ground water and surface water from contamination by pesticides ~~it~~.***

~~—3.1 ; and~~

(b) ***The account maintained pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 must be used by the Director and the Weed Control Coordinator in carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this act for the eradication and control of noxious weeds in this State.***

4. A registrant who offers a pesticide for sale before registering the brand of pesticide shall pay an amount equal to twice the registration fee for registering the brand of pesticide.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

