

SENATE BILL NO. 64—SENATOR RHOADS

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions concerning conveyance of real property by deed which becomes effective upon death of grantor. (BDR 10-539)

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 distribution of estates; providing that the owner of an interest in real property may convey his interest to a grantee in a deed which becomes effective upon the death of the owner as the sole and separate property of the grantee without the necessity of the filing of a quitclaim deed or disclaimer by the spouse of the grantee; requiring certain documents relating to the conveyance of real property by such deeds to be filed with a county recorder; exempting from the real property transfer tax a conveyance of real property by deed which becomes effective upon the death of the grantor; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law allows the owner of an interest in real property to create a deed that conveys his interest in the property to another person, called a grantee, which becomes effective upon his death. The owner may designate more than one grantee to take the title of the property as any type of tenancy recognized by the State. These types of tenancy include joint tenants, tenants in common, husband and wife as community property, and community property with rights of survivorship. (NRS 111.109) Existing law also imposes taxes on transfers of real property with the exception of certain transfers. (NRS 375.020, 375.023, 375.026, 375.090)

This bill allows the owner of an interest in real property to designate a grantee or grantees to take title as sole and separate property. The spouse of the designated grantee is not required to file a quitclaim deed or disclaimer to the property when the deed is conveyed as sole and separate property. This bill also provides that if an owner of an interest in real property executes and records more than one deed which conveys the same real property and which becomes effective upon the death



of the owner, the last deed that is recorded before the death of the owner is the effective deed. In addition, this bill requires the recording of such deeds and any revocations for such deeds with the county recorder before the death of the owner in order for the deeds and revocations to be effective. Upon the death of the last surviving owner in such a deed, a declaration of value of real property and a copy of the death certificate of each owner must be attached to a Death of Grantor Affidavit and recorded in the county recorder's office where the deed was recorded. This bill also exempts from the real property transfer tax a conveyance of real property by deed which becomes effective upon the death of the grantor.

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

Section 1. NRS 111.109 is hereby amended to read as follows:

111.109 1. The owner of an interest in real property may create a deed that conveys his interest in real property to a grantee which becomes effective upon the death of the owner. Such a conveyance is subject to liens on the property in existence on the date of the death of the owner.

2. The owner of an interest in real property who creates a deed pursuant to subsection 1 may designate in the deed:

(a) Multiple grantees who will take title to the property upon his death as joint tenants with right of survivorship, tenants in common, husband and wife as community property, community property with right of survivorship or any other tenancy that is recognized in this State.

(b) ~~[A successor in interest to the grantee. If a successor in interest is designated, the deed must include a provision stating the condition precedent for the interest of the successor to vest.]~~ *A grantee or multiple grantees who will take title to the property upon his death as the sole and separate property of the grantee or grantees without the necessity of the filing of a quitclaim deed or disclaimer by the spouse of any grantee.*

3. If the owner of the real property which is the subject of a deed created pursuant to subsection 1 holds the interest in the property as a joint tenant with right of survivorship or as community property with the right of survivorship and:

(a) The deed includes a conveyance of the interest from each of the other owners, the deed becomes effective on the date of the death of the last surviving owner; or

(b) The deed does not include a conveyance of the interest from each of the other owners, the deed becomes effective on the date of the death of the owner who created the deed only if the owner who conveyed his interest in real property to the grantee is the last surviving owner.



4. If an owner of an interest in real property who creates a deed pursuant to subsection 1 transfers his interest in the real property to another person during his lifetime, the deed created pursuant to subsection 1 is void.

5. If an owner of an interest in real property who creates a deed pursuant to subsection 1 executes and records more than one deed concerning the same real property, the deed that is last recorded before the death of the owner is the effective deed.

6. A deed created pursuant to subsection 1 is valid only if executed and recorded as provided by law in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the property is located before the death of the owner or the death of the last surviving owner. The deed must be in substantially the following form:

DEED

*I (We) _____ (owner) hereby convey to _____ (grantee), effective on my (our) death, the following described real property:
(Legal Description)*

THIS DEED IS REVOCABLE. THIS DEED DOES NOT TRANSFER ANY OWNERSHIP UNTIL THE DEATH OF THE GRANTOR. THIS DEED REVOKES ALL PRIOR DEEDS BY THE GRANTOR WHICH CONVEY THE SAME REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 1 OF NRS 111.109 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PRIOR DEEDS FAILED TO CONVEY THE GRANTOR'S ENTIRE INTEREST IN THE SAME REAL PROPERTY.

(Signature of Grantor)

7. A deed created pursuant to subsection 1 may be revoked at any time by the owner or, if there is more than one owner, by any of the owners who created the deed. The revocation is valid only if executed and recorded as provided by law in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the property is located before the death of the owner who executes the revocation. If the property is held as joint tenants with right of survivorship or as community property with the right of survivorship and the revocation is not executed by all of the owners, the revocation does not become effective unless the revocation is executed and



1 *recorded by the last surviving owner. The revocation of deed must*
2 *be in substantially the following form:*

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4 **REVOCATION OF DEED**

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6 *The undersigned hereby revokes the deed recorded on*
7 *_____ (date), in docket or book _____, at page*
8 *_____, or instrument number _____, records of*
9 *_____ County, Nevada.*

10 _____
11 *(Date)*

_____ *(Signature)*

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13 *8. Upon the death of the last grantor of a deed created*
14 *pursuant to subsection 1, a declaration of value of real property*
15 *pursuant to NRS 375.060 and a copy of the death certificate of*
16 *each grantor must be attached to a Death of Grantor Affidavit and*
17 *recorded in the office of the county recorder where the deed was*
18 *recorded. The Death of Grantor Affidavit must be in substantially*
19 *the following form:*

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21 **DEATH OF GRANTOR AFFIDAVIT**

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23 *_____ (affiant name), being duly sworn, deposes*
24 *and says that _____ (name of deceased), the decedent*
25 *mentioned in the attached certified copy of the Certificate of*
26 *Death, is the same person as _____ (name of*
27 *grantor), named as the grantor or as one of the grantors in the*
28 *deed recorded on _____ (date), in docket or book*
29 *_____, at page _____, or instrument number _____,*
30 *records of _____ County, Nevada, covering the*
31 *following described property:*
32 *(Legal Description)*

33 *_____ (affiant name) is the grantee or at least one*
34 *of the grantees to whom the real property is conveyed upon the*
35 *death of the grantor _____ (name of deceased)*
36 *or is the authorized representative of the grantee or at least one of*
37 *the grantees.*

38 _____
39 *(Date)*

_____ *(Signature)*

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41 *9. The provisions of this section must not be construed to limit*
42 *the recovery of benefits paid for Medicaid.*

43 **Sec. 2.** NRS 375.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 375.090 The taxes imposed by NRS 375.020, 375.023 and
45 375.026 do not apply to:



1 1. A mere change in identity, form or place of organization,
2 such as a transfer between a corporation and its parent corporation, a
3 subsidiary or an affiliated corporation if the affiliated corporation
4 has identical common ownership.

5 2. A transfer of title to the United States, any territory or state
6 or any agency, department, instrumentality or political subdivision
7 thereof.

8 3. A transfer of title recognizing the true status of ownership of
9 the real property.

10 4. A transfer of title without consideration from one joint
11 tenant or tenant in common to one or more remaining joint tenants
12 or tenants in common.

13 5. A transfer of title between spouses, including gifts, or to
14 effect a property settlement agreement or between former spouses in
15 compliance with a decree of divorce.

16 6. A transfer of title to or from a trust without consideration if a
17 certificate of trust is presented at the time of transfer.

18 7. Transfers, assignments or conveyances of unpatented mines
19 or mining claims.

20 8. A transfer, assignment or other conveyance of real property
21 to a corporation or other business organization if the person
22 conveying the property owns 100 percent of the corporation or
23 organization to which the conveyance is made.

24 9. A transfer, assignment or other conveyance of real property
25 if the owner of the property is related to the person to whom it is
26 conveyed within the first degree of consanguinity.

27 10. *A conveyance of real property by deed which becomes*
28 *effective upon the death of the grantor pursuant to NRS 111.109.*

29 11. The making, delivery or filing of conveyances of real
30 property to make effective any plan of reorganization or adjustment:

31 (a) Confirmed under the Bankruptcy Act, as amended, 11 U.S.C.
32 §§ 101 et seq.;

33 (b) Approved in an equity receivership proceeding involving a
34 railroad, as defined in the Bankruptcy Act; or

35 (c) Approved in an equity receivership proceeding involving a
36 corporation, as defined in the Bankruptcy Act,

37 ➤ if the making, delivery or filing of instruments of transfer or
38 conveyance occurs within 5 years after the date of the confirmation,
39 approval or change.

40 ~~11.1~~ 12. The making or delivery of conveyances of real
41 property to make effective any order of the Securities and Exchange
42 Commission if:

43 (a) The order of the Securities and Exchange Commission in
44 obedience to which the transfer or conveyance is made recites that
45 the transfer or conveyance is necessary or appropriate to effectuate



1 the provisions of section 11 of the Public Utility Holding Company
2 Act of 1935, 15 U.S.C. § 79k;

3 (b) The order specifies and itemizes the property which is
4 ordered to be transferred or conveyed; and

5 (c) The transfer or conveyance is made in obedience to the
6 order.

7 ~~13.2~~ **13.** A transfer to an educational foundation. As used in
8 this subsection, "educational foundation" has the meaning ascribed
9 to it in subsection 3 of NRS 388.750.

10 ~~13.3~~ **14.** A transfer to a university foundation. As used in this
11 subsection, "university foundation" has the meaning ascribed to it in
12 subsection 3 of NRS 396.405.

13 **Sec. 3.** NRS 388.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 388.750 1. An educational foundation:

15 (a) Shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS;

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, shall make its
17 records public and open to inspection pursuant to NRS 239.010; and

18 (c) Is exempt from the taxes imposed by NRS 375.020, 375.023
19 and 375.026 pursuant to subsection ~~13.2~~ **13** of NRS 375.090.

20 2. An educational foundation is not required to disclose the
21 names of the contributors to the foundation or the amount of their
22 contributions. The educational foundation shall, upon request, allow
23 a contributor to examine, during regular business hours, any record,
24 document or other information of the foundation relating to that
25 contributor.

26 3. As used in this section, "educational foundation" means a
27 nonprofit corporation, association or institution or a charitable
28 organization that is:

29 (a) Organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of
30 supporting one or more kindergartens, elementary schools, junior
31 high or middle schools or high schools, or any combination thereof;

32 (b) Formed pursuant to the laws of this State; and

33 (c) Exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

34 **Sec. 4.** NRS 396.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 396.405 1. A university foundation:

36 (a) Shall comply with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS;

37 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, shall make its
38 records public and open to inspection pursuant to NRS 239.010;

39 (c) Is exempt from the taxes imposed by NRS 375.020, 375.023
40 and 375.026 pursuant to subsection ~~13.3~~ **14** of NRS 375.090; and

41 (d) May allow a president or an administrator of the university
42 or community college which it supports to serve as a member of its
43 governing body.

44 2. A university foundation is not required to disclose the name
45 of any contributor or potential contributor to the university



1 foundation, the amount of his contribution or any information which
2 may reveal or lead to the discovery of his identity. The university
3 foundation shall, upon request, allow a contributor to examine,
4 during regular business hours, any record, document or other
5 information of the foundation relating to that contributor.

6 3. As used in this section, "university foundation" means a
7 nonprofit corporation, association or institution or a charitable
8 organization that is:

9 (a) Organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of
10 supporting a university or a community college;

11 (b) Formed pursuant to the laws of this State; and

12 (c) Exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

13 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



