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AN ACT relating to construction; requiring the State Public Works Board to compile a list regarding buildings owned by the State that are constructed of unreinforced masonry; requiring certain local governments to compile a list of certain buildings constructed of unreinforced masonry that are owned by the local government or located within its jurisdiction; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Under existing law, the State Board of Public Works must adopt by regulation and local governments must include in their building codes the seismic provisions of the International Building Code. (NRS 278.580, 341.143)

Section 1 of this bill requires the Board to compile a list of all unreinforced masonry buildings owned by the State that are not in compliance with the adopted seismic provisions.

Sections 4 and 5 of this bill require the governing body of each city and county to compile a list of all nonstate public and private unreinforced masonry buildings within the jurisdiction of the governing body that are not in compliance with the seismic provisions. Each governing body is also required by **sections 4 and 5** to notify each private owner of an unreinforced masonry building within its jurisdiction that the building is included on the list.

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

Section 1. NRS 341.143 is hereby amended to read as follows:
341.143 **1.** For the purposes of the design and construction of buildings or other projects of this State, the Board shall adopt by regulation:

~~(1-1)~~ **(a)** The seismic provisions of the International Building Code published by the International Code Council; and

~~(1-2)~~ **(b)** Standards for the investigation of hazards relating to seismic activity, including, without limitation, potential surface ruptures and liquefaction.

2. *On or before July 1, 2009, the Board shall compile a list of:*

(a) All unreinforced masonry buildings owned by the State; and

(b) All other unreinforced masonry buildings located in this State, as reported to the Board pursuant to the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of this act.



3. As used in this section, “unreinforced masonry building” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. Chapter 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act.

Sec. 3. *1. As used in this section and sections 4 and 5 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, “unreinforced masonry building” means any building constructed of unreinforced brick, stone, adobe, block and mortar or other unreinforced masonry wall construction that does not comply, as applicable, with the 1961 edition of the Uniform Building Code.*

2. The term does not include any building that:

(a) Contains five or fewer dwelling units;

(b) Is a warehouse or other building not used for human occupation and not used to store equipment or supplies for emergency services; or

(c) Is a historic structure, as defined in NRS 349.485.

Sec. 4. *On or before July 1, 2009, the governing body of each county:*

1. Shall compile and submit to the State Public Works Board a list of all unreinforced masonry buildings located in the unincorporated areas within the county; and

2. For each unreinforced masonry building identified pursuant to subsection 1 that is not owned by the county, notify the owner of the unreinforced masonry building of its inclusion on the list described in subsection 1 and the seismic hazards resulting from unreinforced masonry.

Sec. 5. *On or before July 1, 2009, the governing body of each city:*

1. Shall compile and submit to the State Public Works Board a list of all unreinforced masonry buildings located in the city; and

2. For each unreinforced masonry building identified pursuant to subsection 1 that is not owned by the city, notify the owner of the building of its inclusion on the list described in subsection 1 and the seismic hazards resulting from unreinforced masonry.

Sec. 6. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

