

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 326—ASSEMBLYMAN MORTENSON

MARCH 15, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to buildings constructed of unreinforced masonry. (BDR 28-716)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 4, 5)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

~~(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.**



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

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

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

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

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

