
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 67—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the control of air
pollution. (BDR 40-568)

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 air pollution; authorizing the State Department
of Conservation and Natural Resources to collect money
from the sale of emission credits or allocations; increasing
the maximum amount the State Environmental
Commission may establish as an administrative fine for
certain lesser violations relating to air pollution; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is designated as
2 the Air Pollution Control Agency of the State for the purposes of the Clean Air Act,
3 insofar as it pertains to state programs. (NRS 445B.135, 445B.205) **Section 1** of
4 this bill authorizes the Department to collect money from the sale of emission
5 credits or allocations.
6 The State Environmental Commission is required by law to adopt regulations
7 that set forth a schedule of administrative fines not exceeding \$500 for minor
8 violations of certain statutes and regulations relating to the prevention, abatement
9 and control of air pollution. (NRS 445B.640) **Section 2** of this bill increases the
10 maximum amount that the Commission may establish for such fines from \$500 to
11 \$2,000.



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

Section 1. NRS 445B.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445B.235 **1.** In carrying out the purposes of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.640, inclusive, the Department may ~~if it considers it necessary or appropriate~~ **—1.1—**:

(a) Collect money from the sale of emission credits or allocations.

(b) Cooperate with appropriate federal officers and agencies of the Federal Government, other states, interstate agencies, local governmental agencies and other interested parties in all matters relating to air pollution control in preventing or controlling the pollution of the air in any area.

~~1.2~~ **(c)** On behalf of this State, apply for and receive ~~funds~~ **money** made available to the State for programs from any private source or from any agency of the Federal Government under the Federal Act. All ~~moneys~~ **money** received from any federal agency or private source as provided in this section ~~shall~~ **must** be paid into the State Treasury and ~~shall~~ **must** be expended, under the direction of the Department, solely for the purpose ~~for purposes~~ for which the grant ~~for grants have~~ **has** been made.

~~1.3~~ **(d)** Certify to the appropriate federal authority that facilities are in conformity with the state program and requirements for control of air pollution, or will be in conformity with the state program and requirements for control of air pollution if such facility is constructed and operated in accordance with the application for certification.

~~1.4~~ **(e)** Develop measures for control of air pollution originating in the State.

2. All money collected by the Department pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be deposited in the State General Fund for credit to the Account for the Management of Air Quality.

Sec. 2. NRS 445B.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445B.640 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS 445C.010 to 445C.120, inclusive, any person who violates any provision of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.450, inclusive, and 445B.470 to 445B.640, inclusive, or any regulation in force pursuant thereto, other than NRS 445B.570 on confidential information, is guilty of a civil offense and shall pay an administrative fine levied by the Commission of not more than



1 \$10,000 per day per offense. Each day of violation constitutes a
2 separate offense.

3 2. The Commission shall by regulation establish a schedule of
4 administrative fines not exceeding ~~[\$500]~~ \$2,000 for lesser
5 violations of any provision of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.450,
6 inclusive, and 445B.470 to 445B.640, inclusive, or any regulation in
7 force pursuant thereto.

8 3. Action pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 is not a bar to
9 enforcement of the provisions of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.450,
10 inclusive, and 445B.470 to 445B.640, inclusive, regulations in force
11 pursuant thereto, and orders made pursuant to NRS 445B.100 to
12 445B.450, inclusive, and 445B.470 to 445B.640, inclusive, by
13 injunction or other appropriate remedy, and the Commission or the
14 Director may institute and maintain in the name of the State of
15 Nevada any such enforcement proceedings.

16 4. Any person who fails to pay a fine levied pursuant to
17 subsection 1 or 2 within 30 days after the fine is imposed is guilty of
18 a misdemeanor. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to
19 persons found by the court to be indigent.

20 5. All administrative fines collected by the Commission
21 pursuant to this section must be deposited in the county school
22 district fund of the county where the violation occurred.

23 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

