

Amendment No. 329

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 67 (BDR 40-568)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining**Amends:** Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of A.B. 67 (§ 2).

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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Receded	☐	Not	☐	_____	Receded	☐	Not	☐	_____

EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold* is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/15/2007

A.B. No. 67—Revises provisions governing the control of air pollution.
(BDR 40-568)



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.
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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:

The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is designated as the Air Pollution Control Agency of the State for the purposes of the Clean Air Act, insofar as it pertains to state programs. (NRS 445B.135, 445B.205) **Section 1 of this bill makes it a state policy periodically to retire a portion of the emission credits.**

The State Environmental Commission is required by law to adopt regulations that set forth a schedule of administrative fines not exceeding \$500 for minor violations of certain statutes and regulations relating to the prevention, abatement and control of air pollution. (NRS 445B.640) **Section 3 of this bill increases the maximum amount that the Commission may establish for such fines from \$500 to \$2,000.**

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

Section 1. NRS 445B.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. It is the public policy of the State of Nevada and the purpose of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.640, inclusive, to achieve and maintain levels of air quality which will protect human health and safety, prevent injury to plant and animal life,

1 prevent damage to property, and preserve visibility and scenic, esthetic and historic
2 values of the State.

3 2. It is the intent of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.640, inclusive, to:

4 (a) Require the use of reasonably available methods to prevent, reduce or
5 control air pollution throughout the State of Nevada;

6 (b) Maintain cooperative programs between the State and its local
7 governments; and

8 (c) Facilitate cooperation across jurisdictional lines in dealing with problems of
9 air pollution not confined within a single jurisdiction.

10 3. The quality of air is declared to be affected with the public interest, and
11 NRS 445B.100 to 445B.640, inclusive, are enacted in the exercise of the police
12 power of this State to protect the health, peace, safety and general welfare of its
13 people.

14 4. It is also the public policy of this State ~~to~~ :

15 (a) To provide for the integration of all programs for the prevention of
16 accidents in this State involving chemicals, including, without limitation, accidents
17 involving hazardous air pollutants, highly hazardous chemicals, highly hazardous
18 substances and extremely hazardous substances ~~;~~ and

19 (b) Periodically to retire a portion of the emission credits specified in NRS
20 445B.235 that may otherwise be available for use or sale pursuant to that section.

21 ~~[Section 1.]~~ Sec. 2. NRS 445B.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 445B.235 1. In carrying out the purposes of NRS 445B.100 to 445B.640,
23 inclusive, the Department may ~~if it considers it necessary or appropriate~~:

24 ~~1.)~~ :

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 3. The Commission shall, in cooperation with the Department, adopt
47 regulations setting forth the requirements for the sale of emission credits
48 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1. The regulations must include, without
49 limitation, provisions for public participation in that sale.

50 ~~[Sec. 2.]~~ Sec. 3. NRS 445B.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

51 445B.640 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS
52 445C.010 to 445C.120, inclusive, any person who violates any provision of NRS
53 445B.100 to 445B.450, inclusive, and 445B.470 to 445B.640, inclusive, or any

1 regulation in force pursuant thereto, other than NRS 445B.570 on confidential
2 information, is guilty of a civil offense and shall pay an administrative fine levied
3 by the Commission of not more than \$10,000 per day per offense. Each day of
4 violation constitutes a separate offense.

5 2. The Commission shall by regulation establish a schedule of administrative
6 fines not exceeding ~~15500~~ \$2,000 for lesser violations of any provision of NRS
7 445B.100 to 445B.450, inclusive, and 445B.470 to 445B.640, inclusive, or any
8 regulation in force pursuant thereto.

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

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

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

22 ~~Sec. 3.~~ **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.