Amendment No. 715

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 6	66 First Reprint	(BDR 20-225)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs		
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes		
Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of S.B. 66 R1 (§ 1).		
ASSEMBLY ACTION Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION	Initial and Date
Adopted Lost	Adopted Lost]
Concurred In Not	Concurred In Not]
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 underlining is newly added		
transitory language.		

MSN/TMC Date: 5/19/2013

S.B. No. 66—Revises provisions governing the powers and duties of counties. (BDR 20-225)

SENATE BILL NO. 66-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF ESMERALDA COUNTY)

Prefiled December 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the powers and duties of counties. (BDR 20-225)

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 formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to counties; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the board of county commissioners of certain smaller counties to authorize the use of county equipment on the property of a local government or a private road located within the county; the authority of counties over property within the county; revising provisions governing the use of county highway patrols and equipment on private roads and authorizing a county to recover the related labor costs of such use; revising provisions governing the abatement of a chronic nuisance on property located within the unincorporated area of a county; revising provisions governing the abatement of a public nuisance on property located within a county; revising provisions governing the abatement of a public nuisance on property located within a county; revising provisions governing the covering or removal of graffiti on residential and nonresidential property in a county;] and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides that a board of county commissioners may authorize the use of county highway patrols and snowplows on private roads under certain circumstances. (NRS 244.273) Section 1 of this bill authorizes, under certain circumstances, the board of county commissioners in a county whose population is less than 15,000 (currently Esmeralda, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and White Pine Counties) to authorize the use of county equipment on the property of any local government that is located within the county.

[Existing law authorizes a board of county commissioners to make orders concerning the property of the county. (NRS 244.265) Section 1.5 of this bill extends that authority to property within the county.

Existing law provides that a board of county commissioners may authorize the use of county highway patrols and onewplows on private reads if the board declares an emergency of deems the use to be in the best interest of the county. (NRS 241.273) Section 2 of this bill: (1) authorizes the use of county equipment on private roads under certain circumstances; (2) climinates provisions that limit the circumstances under which such a use may be deemed to

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17 18 be in the best interest of the county; and (3) authorizes the board to recover from the owner of the private road the related labor costs of such a use.

Existing law authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance setting forth procedures pursuant to which the district attorney may file a court action seeking the abatement of a chronic muisance that is located or occurring within the unincorporated area of the county, the closure of the property where the nuisance is located or occurring, penaltics against the owner of the property and any other appropriate relief. (NRS 241-2603) Section 4 of this bill climinates certain provisions which: (1) specify the procedures and provisions that the ordinance must include; (2) specify the civil penaltics and costs that may be imposed against the owner of the property; and (3) define the term "chronic nuisance" to specify when such a nuisance outsta.

Existing law authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance setting forth procedures pursuant to which the board or its designee may order an owner of property within the county to take certain actions concerning the property to abate a public muisance. (NRS 244.3605) Section 5 of this bill climinates certain provisions which: (1) specify that the ordinance must contain certain procedures; and (2) specify the conditions under which the county may abate the public nuisance.

Existing law authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance setting forth procedures pursuant to which officers, employees or other designees of the county may cover or remove certain graffiti on residential property. (NRS 244.36935) Section 6 of this bill climinates certain provisions that the ordinance must contain, including: (1) the circumstances under which the county may cover or remove such graffiti; and (2) the requirement that the county pay the cost of covering or removing the graffiti.

Existing law also authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance setting forth procedures pursuant to which the board or its designee may order an owner of nonresidential property to cover or remove certain graffiti. (NRS 244.3694) Section 7 of this bill climinates certain provisions which: (1) specify that the ordinance must contain certain procedures; and (2) specify the conditions under which the county may cover or remove the graffiti.] Section 1 also authorizes, under certain circumstances, the board of county commissioners of such a county to authorize the use of county highway patrols and county equipment on any private road that is located within the county and to require the owner of the road to pay the county for the use of the equipment and related labor costs.

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

Section 1. Chapter 244 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

In a county whose population is less than 15,000, the board of county commissioners may authorize the use of [county]:

1. County equipment on the property of any local government that is located within the county if:

[1.] (a) The board adopts an ordinance which sets forth its determination that such use is in the best interest of the county.

[24] (b) The board and the governing body of the local government enter into an interlocal agreement providing for the reimbursement of the county for the use of such equipment and related labor costs.

[3.] (c) An employee of the county operates the equipment.

- 2. County highway patrols and county equipment on any private road that is located within the county if:
- 15 (a) The board declares an emergency; or 16 (b) The board adopts an ordinance whi
 - (b) The board adopts an ordinance which sets forth its determination that such use is in the best interest of the county in the absence of a contractor that is licensed to perform the work.

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 ▶ If the board authorizes the use of a county highway patrol or county equipment on a private road pursuant to this subsection, the equipment must be operated by an employee of the county. The board may require the owner of the road to pay the county for the use of the equipment and related labor costs.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 244.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.265 The boards of county commissioners shall have power and jurisdiction in their respective counties to make orders respecting the property [of] within the county. [in conformity with any law of this State, and to take care of and preserve such property. H (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. NRS 244.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.273 [The] Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, the board of county commissioners of each county may authorize the use of county highway patrols and snowplows *fequipment* on private roads if:

The board declares an emergency; or

The board deems fadopts an ordinance which sets forth its determination that such use to be fist in the best interest of the county in the absence of a contractor that is licensed to perform the work. The board shall not deem such use to be in the best interest of the county unless:

(a) The equipment is being used for routine county business in the area where the private roads are located; and

- (b) The use of the equipment on private roads does not interfere with the normal operations of the county. fin the absence of a responsive and responsible contractor that is licensed to perform the work.]
- → If the board authorizes the use of a county highway patrol or snowplow *fequipment* on a private road pursuant to this section, the equipment must be operated by an employee of the county. The board may require the owner of the road to pay the county the prevailing rental rate for the use of such equipment. fand related labor costs.
- Sec. 3. [NRS 244.3601 is hereby amended to read as follows: 244.3601 1. Notwithstanding the abatement procedures set forth in NRS 244.360, [or 244.3605,] a board of county commissioners may, by ordinance [, providel:
- (a) Provide for a reasonable means to secure or summarily abate a dangerous structure or condition that at least three persons who enforce building codes, housing codes, zoning ordinances or local health regulations, or who are members of a local law enforcement agency or fire department, determine in a signed, written statement to be an imminent danger.
 - (b) Provide for the imposition of civil penalties.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the owner of the property on which the structure or condition is located must be given reasonable written notice that is:
- (a) If practicable, hand delivered or sent prepaid by United States mail to the owner of the property; or
 - (b) Posted on the property,
- → before the structure or condition is so secured. The notice must state clearly that the owner of the property may challenge the action to secure or summarily abate the structure or condition and must provide a telephone number and address at which the owner may obtain additional information.
- 3. If it is determined in the signed, written statement provided pursuant to subsection 1 that the structure or condition is an imminent danger and the result of the imminent danger is likely to occur before the notice and an opportunity to challenge the action can be provided pursuant to subsection 2, then the structure or condition which poses such an imminent danger that presents an immediate hazard

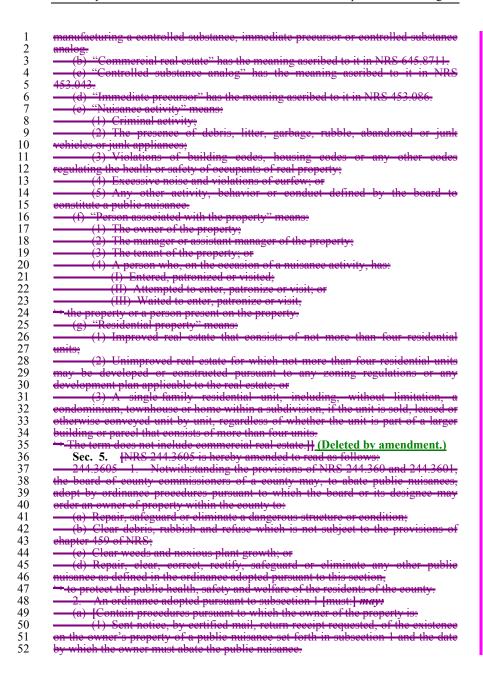
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may be summarily abated. A structure or condition summarily abated pursuant to this section may only be abated to the extent necessary to remove the imminent danger that presents an immediate hazard. The owner of the structure or condition which is summarily abated must be given written notice of the abatement after its completion. The notice must state clearly that the owner of the property may seek judicial review of the summary abatement and must provide an address and telephone number at which the owner may obtain additional information concerning the summary abatement.

- The costs of securing or summarily abating the structure or condition and any civil penalty that has not been collected from the owner of the property may be made a special assessment against the real property on which the structure or condition is located and may be collected pursuant to the provisions set forth in subsection 4 of NRS 244.360.
 - As used in this section [:
- (a) "Dangerous structure subsection 6 of NRS 244.3605. or condition" has the meaning ascribed to it in
- (b) "Imminent], "imminent danger" means the existence of any structure or condition that could reasonably be expected to cause injury or endanger the life, safety, health or property of:
- [(1)] (a) The occupants, if any, of the real property on which the structure or condition is located; or
 - [(2)] (b) The general public.] (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 4. NRS 244.3603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 244.3603 1. Each board of county commissioners may, by ordinance protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county, adopt procedures pursuant to which the district attorney may file an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to:
- (a) Sock the abatement of a chronic nuisance that is located or occurring within the unincorporated area of the county;
- (b) If applicable, seek the closure of the property where the chronic nuisance is located or occurring; and
- (c) If applicable, seek civil penalties against the owner of the property within the unincorporated area of the county and any other appropriate relief.
- An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 [must:
 - (a) Contain procedures pursuant to which the owner of the property is:
- (1) Sent a notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the sheriff or other person authorized to issue a citation of the existence on the owner's property of nuisance activities and the date by which the owner must abate the condition to prevent the matter from being submitted to the district attorney for legal action.
- (2) If the chronic nuisance is not an immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare and was caused by the criminal activity of a person other than the owner, afforded a minimum of 30 days to abate the chronic nuisance.
- (3) Afforded an opportunity for a hearing before a court of competent iurisdiction.
- (b) Provide that the date specified in the notice by which the owner must abate the condition is tolled for the period during which the owner requests a hearing and receives a decision.
- (e)| *may*:
- (a) Provide the manner in which the county will recover money expended to abate the condition on the property if the owner fails to abate the condition.
 - (b) Provide for the imposition of civil penalties.

- 3. [If the court finds that a chronic nuisance exists and action is necessary to avoid serious threat to the public welfare or the safety or health of the occupants of the property, the court may order the county to secure and close the property until the nuisance is abated and may:
- (a) Impose a civil penalty:
- (1) If the property is nonresidential property, of not more than \$750 per day; or
- (2) If the property is residential property, of not more than \$500 per day, that the condition was not abated after the date specified in the notice by which the owner was required to abate the condition;
- (b) Order the owner to pay the county for the cost incurred by the county in
 abating the condition; and
 - (e) Order any other appropriate relief.
- 4. In addition to any other reasonable means authorized by the court for the recovery of money expended by the county to abate the chronic nuisance and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, for the collection of civil penalties imposed pursuant to subsection 3, the board may make the expense and civil penalties a special assessment against the property upon which the chronic nuisance is located or occurring. The special assessment may be collected pursuant to the provisions set forth in subsection 4 of NRS 244.360.
- 5.] Any money expended to abate the condition on the property and eivil penalties that have not been collected from the owner of the property may [not] be made a special assessment against the property. [pursuant to subsection 4 by the board unless:
- (a) At least 12 months have clapsed after the date specified in the order of the court by which the owner must abate the chronic nuisance or, if the owner appeals that order, the date specified in the order of the appellate court by which the owner must abate the chronic nuisance, whichever is later;
- (b) The owner has been billed, served or otherwise notified that the civil penalties are due; and
 - (e) The amount of the uncollected civil penalties is more than \$5,000.
 - 6. As used in this section:
 - (a) A "chronic nuisance" exists:
- (1) When three or more nuisance activities exist or have occurred during any 90 day period on the property.
- (2) When a person associated with the property has engaged in three or more nuisance activities during any 90 day period on the property or within 100 feet of the property.
- (3) When the property has been the subject of a search warrant based on probable cause of continuous or repeated violations of chapter 459 of NRS.
- (4) When a building or place is used for the purpose of unlawfully selling, serving, storing, keeping, manufacturing, using or giving away a controlled substance, immediate precursor or controlled substance analog.
- (5) When a building or place was used for the purpose of unlawfully manufacturing a controlled substance, immediate precursor or controlled substance analog and:
- (I) The building or place has not been deemed safe for habitation by a governmental entity; or
- (II) All materials or substances involving the controlled substance, immediate precursor or controlled substance analog have not been removed from or remediated on the building or place by an entity certified or licensed to do so within 180 days after the building or place is no longer used for the purpose of unlawfully



- (2) If the public nuisance is not an immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare and was caused by the criminal activity of a person other than the owner, afforded a minimum of 30 days to abate the public nuisance.
- (3) Afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the designee of the board and an appeal of that decision either to the board or to a court of competent jurisdiction, as determined by the ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1.
- (b) Provide that the date specified in the notice by which the owner must abute the public nuisance is tolled for the period during which the owner requests a hearing and receives a decision.
- (c)] Provide the manner in which the county will recover money expended to abate the public nuisance on the property if the owner fails to abate the public nuisance.
- [(d)] (b) Provide for the imposition of eivil penalties [for each day that] if the owner did not abate the public nuisance. [after the date specified in the notice by which the owner was required to abate the public nuisance.
- 3. The county may abate the public nuisance on the property and may recover the amount expended by the county for labor and materials used to abate the public nuisance if:
- (a) The owner has not requested a hearing within the time prescribed in the ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 and has failed to abate the public nuisance on the owner's property within the period specified in the notice;
- (b) After a hearing in which the owner did not prevail, the owner has not filed an appeal within the time prescribed in the ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 and has failed to abate the public muisance within the period specified in the order; or
- (c) The board or a court of competent jurisdiction has denied the appeal of the owner and the owner has failed to abate the public nuisance within the period specified in the order.
- 4.] 3. In addition to any other reasonable means for recovering money expended by the county to abate the public nuisance and [, except as otherwise provided in subsection 5,] for collecting civil penalties imposed pursuant to the ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1, the expense and civil penalties are a special assessment against the property upon which the public nuisance is located, and this special assessment may be collected pursuant to the provisions set forth in subsection 4 of NRS 244.360.
- [5. Any eivil penalties that have not been collected from the owner of the property are not a special assessment against the property pursuant to subsection 4 unless:
- (a) At least 12 months have elapsed after the date specified in the notice by which the owner must abate the public nuisance or the date specified in the order of the board or court by which the owner must abate the public nuisance, whichever is later:
- (b) The owner has been billed, served or otherwise notified that the civil penalties are due; and
 - (c) The amount of the uncollected civil penalties is more than \$5,000.
- 6. As used in this section, "dangerous structure or condition" means a structure or condition that is a public nuisance which may cause injury to or endanger the health, life, property or safety of the general public or the occupants, if any, of the real property on which the structure or condition is located. The term includes, without limitation, a structure or condition that:
- (a) Does not meet the requirements of a code or regulation adopted pursuant to NRS 244.3675 with respect to minimum levels of health or safety; or

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- (a) The owner has not requested a hearing within the time prescribed in the ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 and has failed to cover or remove the graffiti within the period specified in the notice;
- (b) After a hearing in which the owner did not prevail, the owner has not filed an appeal within the time prescribed in the ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 and has failed to cover or remove the graffiti within the period specified in the order; or
- (e) The board has denied the appeal of the owner and the owner has failed to cover or remove the graffiti within the period specified in the order.
- 4.] In addition to any other reasonable means of recovering money expended by the county to cover or remove the graffiti, the board may [:
- (a) Provide that the cost of covering or removing the graffiti is a lien upon the nonresidential property on which the graffiti was covered or from which the graffiti was removed; or
- (b) Makel make the cost of covering or removing the graffiti and any civil penalty that has not been collected from the owner of the property a special assessment against the nonresidential property on which the graffiti was covered or from which the graffiti was removed.
- 15. A lien authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 4 must be perfected by:
- (a) Mailing by certified mail a notice of the lien, separately prepared for each lot affected, addressed to the last known owner of the property at his or her last known address, as determined by the real property assessment roll in the county in which the nonresidential property is located; and
- (b) Filing with the county recorder of the county in which the nonresidential property is located, a statement of the amount due and unpaid and describing the property subject to the lien.
- 6. A special assessment authorized pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 4 may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county taxes are collected, and is subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in ease of delinquency as provided for ordinary county taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection and enforcement of county taxes are applicable to such a special assessment.
- 7. As used in this section, "nonresidential property" means all real property other than residential property. The term does not include real property owned by governmental entity. (Deleted by amendment.)
 - **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2014.