

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 391—ASSEMBLYMEN HICKEY,
DICKMAN; JOINER, KIRNER AND SPRINKLE

MARCH 17, 2015

Referred to Committee on Taxation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the exemption from property taxes of certain property used for religious worship. (BDR 32-825)

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

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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 taxation; revising the provisions governing the exemption from property taxes of certain property used for religious worship; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The Nevada Constitution authorizes the Legislature to exempt from taxation
2 property used for charitable purposes. (Nev. Const. Art. 10, § 1) Existing law
3 exempts from taxation churches, chapels other than marriage chapels, parsonages
4 and other buildings used for religious worship, including their furniture and
5 equipment and the lots on which they stand. If any such property is used in whole
6 or in part for any purpose other than a church purpose and rent or consideration is
7 received for that use, the property is required to be taxed under existing law. (NRS
8 361.125) This bill exempts from taxation parcels of land that are used exclusively
9 for worship, including both developed and undeveloped portions of a parcel.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 361.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 361.125 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~†~~
3 ~~churches,†~~:
4 *(a) Churches*, chapels, other than marriage chapels, and other
5 buildings used for religious worship, with their furniture and
6 equipment, and the lots of ground on which they stand, used
7 therewith and necessary thereto ~~†~~; *and*



1 ***(b) Parcels of land used exclusively for worship, including,***
2 ***without limitation, both developed and undeveloped portions of a***
3 ***parcel,***

4 ↪ owned by some recognized religious society or corporation, and
5 parsonages so owned, are exempt from taxation.

6 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 361.157, when any
7 such property is used exclusively or in part for any other than
8 church purposes, and a rent or other valuable consideration is
9 received for its use, the property must be taxed.

10 3. The exemption provided by this section must be prorated for
11 the portion of a fiscal year during which the religious society or
12 corporation owns the real property. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, ownership of property purchased begins on the date of
14 recording of the deed to the purchaser.

15 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

