

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 432—ASSEMBLYWOMEN
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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to energy auditors.
(BDR 54-136)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
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 energy auditors; establishing the qualifications for an energy auditor; providing for the licensure of energy auditors by the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry; establishing the requirements with which an energy auditor must comply when conducting an energy audit; requiring the Director of the Office of Energy to register energy auditors; requiring the Director to issue a certificate to a homeowner upon the completion of an energy audit; repealing provisions that require the Nevada Energy Commissioner to establish a program for evaluating the energy consumption of residential property in this State; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Nevada Energy Commissioner to establish a program
2 for evaluating energy consumption in residential property in this State and requires
3 a seller to provide a copy of this evaluation to a purchaser of his or her property.
4 (NRS 113.115, 701.250) This bill repeals those provisions. Instead, **section 5** of
5 this bill provides for the licensure of energy auditors by the Real Estate Division of
6 the Department of Business and Industry and establishes the training and
7 qualifications an energy auditor must have to be licensed to conduct energy audits
8 in this State. **Section 6** of this bill establishes the requirements for conducting an
9 energy audit, including, without limitation, the elements of the home which must be
10 evaluated, the software and tools the energy auditor must use and the report the



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11 energy auditor must provide to the homeowner and the Office of Energy. **Section**
12 **29** of this bill adds to the duties of the Director of the Office of Energy
13 requirements to register energy auditors in this State and to provide a certificate to a
14 homeowner who has had an energy audit as proof of that energy audit.

15 **Sections 7-28** of this bill are technical amendments required to carry out the
16 administration of the licensure of the energy auditors, including making the
17 provision of energy audits without a license a misdemeanor. In addition, **section 28**
18 makes it a category E felony to attempt to obtain a license as an energy auditor
19 through intentional misrepresentation, deceit or fraud.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 645D of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive,
3 of this act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Energy audit” means a consultation to improve the*
5 *energy efficiency of a home conducted pursuant to section 6 of*
6 *this act.*

7 **Sec. 3.** *“Energy auditor” means a person who is licensed*
8 *pursuant to this chapter to conduct energy audits of homes.*

9 **Sec. 4.** *“License” means a license issued to an energy*
10 *auditor pursuant to this chapter.*

11 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The Administrator shall issue a license to any*
12 *person who:*

13 (a) *Is of good moral character, honesty and integrity;*

14 (b) *Holds a certification or accreditation from an organization*
15 *approved by the Administrator;*

16 (c) *Has successfully completed not less than 40 hours of*
17 *training and practice in the following areas:*

18 (1) *Building science and working with a home as a system,*
19 *including, without limitation, training in making*
20 *recommendations based on the proper loading order of*
21 *improvements;*

22 (2) *The transfer of heat;*

23 (3) *Testing building performance;*

24 (4) *Air distribution and leakage;*

25 (5) *The calculation of gross and net areas;*

26 (6) *Energy terms and definitions;*

27 (7) *Concerns relating to combustion appliances;*

28 (8) *Envelope leakage, thermal bypass and thermal*
29 *bridging;*

30 (9) *The presence or absence of insulation and, when*
31 *observable, the quality of its installation;*

32 (10) *The recommended levels of insulation for different*
33 *climate zones;*



1 (11) *Determinations of the efficiency of heating, ventilating*
2 *and air-conditioning equipment from model numbers and default*
3 *tables;*

4 (12) *The strengths and weaknesses, drivers and sensitivities*
5 *of major types of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning*
6 *systems;*

7 (13) *Estimations of the efficiency of household appliances*
8 *based on their model numbers or age;*

9 (14) *Energy, power, heat-conductivity or resistance and*
10 *temperature units and key conversion factors;*

11 (15) *Measuring building dimensions;*

12 (16) *Identification and documentation of inspected features*
13 *of the home during an energy audit;*

14 (17) *Basics of specifications;*

15 (18) *Determination of the efficiency of windows and doors;*

16 (19) *Determination of the orientation of buildings and the*
17 *characteristics of the shading around them;*

18 (20) *Defining the thermal boundary and making*
19 *appropriate recommendations for changing it; and*

20 (21) *The basic concepts of measure interaction, expected*
21 *life and bundling for optimal performance when the home is*
22 *considered as a system and taking into consideration the need for*
23 *savings;*

24 (d) *Has submitted proof that the person or his or her employer*
25 *holds a policy of insurance that complies with the requirements of*
26 *subsection I of NRS 645D.190;*

27 (e) *Has submitted proof that the person is registered, or has*
28 *applied for registration, with the Office of Energy pursuant to*
29 *NRS 701.180; and*

30 (f) *Has submitted all information required to complete an*
31 *application for a license.*

32 2. *The Administrator may deny an application for a license to*
33 *any person who:*

34 (a) *Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, guilty*
35 *but mentally ill or nolo contendere to, forgery, embezzlement,*
36 *obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion,*
37 *conspiracy to defraud or any crime involving moral turpitude;*

38 (b) *Makes a false statement of a material fact on the*
39 *application;*

40 (c) *Has had a license suspended or revoked pursuant to this*
41 *chapter within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of*
42 *application;*

43 (d) *Does not possess the training or certification required*
44 *pursuant to subsection 1; or*



1 (e) *Has not submitted proof that the person or his or her*
2 *employer holds a policy of insurance that complies with the*
3 *requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 645D.190.*

4 **Sec. 6. 1.** *When conducting an energy audit, an energy*
5 *auditor shall evaluate the entire home and must include, without*
6 *limitation, in his or her evaluation:*

7 (a) *A visual inspection, diagnostic overview and health and*
8 *safety test of the energy features of the home;*

9 (b) *Documentation of the general condition of the home,*
10 *including, without limitation:*

11 (1) *Envelope features and ages;*

12 (2) *Types, characteristics and ages of equipment;*

13 (3) *Characteristics of appliances and lighting; and*

14 (4) *Any anticipated remediation issues, including, without*
15 *limitation, moisture or combustion appliance problems;*

16 (c) *An assessment of the performance and efficiency of the*
17 *building airflow and indoor air quality and ventilation, including,*
18 *without limitation:*

19 (1) *Any sources of indoor air pollution;*

20 (2) *The flow rate of exhaust fans and the clothes dryer vent*
21 *to outdoors; and*

22 (3) *An evaluation of the connection of any attached garage*
23 *to the home for possible air leaks;*

24 (d) *An assessment of the control of moisture in the home,*
25 *including, without limitation:*

26 (1) *A visual identification of any moisture present from*
27 *roof leaks, wall penetrations or door or window openings; and*

28 (2) *An identification of any potential areas where mold may*
29 *grow;*

30 (e) *An estimation of U-factors and solar heat gain coefficients*
31 *of the windows and doors;*

32 (f) *An evaluation of the efficiency of the heating and cooling*
33 *of the home, including, without limitation, the performance and*
34 *efficiency of any:*

35 (1) *Furnace;*

36 (2) *Air-conditioning system;*

37 (3) *Heat pump;*

38 (4) *Air duct system;*

39 (5) *Thermal insulation;*

40 (6) *Boiler;*

41 (7) *System for providing steam heat;*

42 (8) *Hot water heater; or*

43 (9) *Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system;*



1 (g) *An analysis of the base load energy use and advice to*
2 *clients on reduction strategies, including, without limitation, an*
3 *examination of:*

4 (1) *The utility use and the billing history for the*
5 *immediately preceding 12 months;*

6 (2) *The performance of appliances;*

7 (3) *Lighting efficiency and alternatives;*

8 (4) *Any clothes dryer vents;*

9 (5) *Any consumer electronics; or*

10 (6) *The energy used by any pool or spa; and*

11 (h) *Testing of combustion appliances in accordance with the*
12 *standards issued by the American National Standards Institute*
13 *and the American Society for Testing and Materials.*

14 2. *After conducting an energy audit, an energy auditor shall*
15 *prepare and provide to the homeowner and the Office of Energy a*
16 *report based upon the energy audit that includes, without*
17 *limitation:*

18 (a) *Any energy programs, incentives, regulations, energy costs*
19 *or fuel types which apply to the homeowner, as well as any*
20 *information concerning typical local energy consumption levels;*

21 (b) *A specific recommendation that any combustion appliance*
22 *which is post-retrofit be tested;*

23 (c) *A prioritization of health and safety hazards in the home*
24 *and recommendations for improvements according to their*
25 *urgency and importance;*

26 (d) *Suggestions for home repairs and renovations based on a*
27 *loading order that will maximize cost effectiveness and feasibility*
28 *using computer software approved by the United States*
29 *Department of Energy;*

30 (e) *In addition to the provisions of paragraph (c), an*
31 *identification of existing hazards and potential hazards which may*
32 *develop, together with specific preventative measures; and*

33 (f) *Details of measures to save energy and changes in the*
34 *behavior of the homeowner to increase energy efficiency.*

35 3. *An energy auditor shall not base an energy audit upon a*
36 *single product line, the services of a contractor or his or her own*
37 *convenience.*

38 4. *An energy auditor shall use:*

39 (a) *Survey and labeling software programs for performing an*
40 *energy audit which have been approved by the United States*
41 *Department of Energy; or*

42 (b) *Rating tools which have been certified for accuracy by*
43 *National Accreditation Procedures for Home Energy Rating*
44 *Systems published by the National Association of State Energy*
45 *Officers.*



1 **Sec. 7.** NRS 645D.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 645D.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
3 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 645D.020 to
4 645D.080, inclusive, *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act*, have the
5 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

6 **Sec. 8.** NRS 645D.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 645D.100 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

8 1. A federal or state employee, or an employee of a local
9 government, who prepares or communicates an inspection report *or*
10 *energy audit* as part of his or her official duties, unless a certificate
11 *or license* is required as a condition of his or her employment.

12 2. A person appointed to evaluate real estate pursuant to
13 chapter 152 of NRS or NRS 269.125, except as required by the
14 appointing judge.

15 3. A board of appraisers acting pursuant to NRS 269.135.

16 4. A person licensed, certified or registered pursuant to chapter
17 645, 645C or 684A of NRS while performing an act within the
18 scope of his or her license, certification or registration. For the
19 purposes of this subsection, a person licensed, certified or registered
20 pursuant to chapter 645C of NRS shall be deemed to be acting
21 within the scope of his or her license, certification or registration
22 while performing an appraisal prescribed by federal law that
23 requires a statement of visual condition and while preparing or
24 communicating a report of such an appraisal.

25 5. A person who makes an evaluation of an improvement as an
26 incidental part of his or her employment for which special
27 compensation is not provided, if that evaluation is only provided to
28 his or her employer for internal use within the place of employment.

29 6. A person who provides an estimate of cost, repair or
30 replacement of any improvements upon real estate.

31 7. Any person who reviews plans, performs inspections,
32 prepares inspection reports or examines any component of a
33 structure or construction pursuant to NRS 278.570 or 278.575.

34 8. An independent registered architect or a licensed
35 professional engineer while performing an inspection pursuant to
36 NRS 116.4106.

37 **Sec. 9.** NRS 645D.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 645D.110 1. The Division shall administer the provisions of
39 this chapter and may employ legal counsel, investigators and other
40 professional consultants necessary to discharge its duties pursuant to
41 this chapter.

42 2. An employee of the Division shall not:

43 (a) Be employed by or have an interest in any business that
44 prepares inspection reports **[H]** or *energy audits*;

45 (b) Act as an inspector or as an agent for an inspector **[H]**; *or*



1 (c) *Act as an energy auditor or as an agent for an energy*
2 *auditor.*

3 **Sec. 10.** NRS 645D.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 645D.120 The Division shall adopt:

5 1. Regulations prescribing the education and experience
6 required to obtain a certificate.

7 2. Regulations prescribing a standard of practice and code of
8 ethics for certified inspectors. Such regulations must establish a
9 degree of care that must be exercised by a reasonably prudent
10 certified inspector.

11 3. *Regulations prescribing the education and experience*
12 *required to obtain a license.*

13 4. Such other regulations as are necessary for the
14 administration of this chapter.

15 **Sec. 11.** NRS 645D.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 645D.130 1. The Division shall maintain a record of:

17 (a) Persons from whom it receives applications for a certificate
18 ~~or~~ *or license;*

19 (b) Investigations conducted by it that result in the initiation of
20 formal disciplinary proceedings;

21 (c) Formal disciplinary proceedings; and

22 (d) Rulings or decisions upon complaints filed with it.

23 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS
24 645D.135, records kept in the office of the Division pursuant to this
25 chapter are open to the public for inspection pursuant to regulations
26 adopted by the Division. The Division shall keep confidential,
27 except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115 or unless otherwise
28 ordered by a court, the criminal and financial records of an inspector
29 *, energy auditor* or of an applicant for a certificate ~~or~~ *or license.*

30 **Sec. 12.** NRS 645D.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 645D.135 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
32 NRS 239.0115, a complaint filed with the Division, all documents
33 and other information filed with the complaint and all documents
34 and other information compiled as a result of an investigation
35 conducted to determine whether to initiate disciplinary action are
36 confidential and may be disclosed in whole or in part only as
37 necessary in the course of administering this chapter or to a
38 licensing board or agency or any other governmental agency,
39 including, without limitation, a law enforcement agency, that is
40 investigating a person who holds a certificate *or license* issued
41 pursuant to this chapter.

42 2. The complaint or other document filed by the Division to
43 initiate disciplinary action and all documents and information
44 considered by the Division when determining whether to impose
45 discipline are public records.



1 **Sec. 13.** NRS 645D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 645D.160 1. Any person who, in this state, engages in the
3 business of, acts in the capacity of, or advertises or assumes to act as
4 an inspector without first obtaining a certificate pursuant to this
5 chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

6 2. *Any person who, in this state, engages in the business of,*
7 *acts in the capacity of, or advertises or assumes to act as an energy*
8 *auditor without first obtaining a license pursuant to this chapter is*
9 *guilty of a misdemeanor.*

10 3. The Division may file a complaint in any court of competent
11 jurisdiction for a violation of this section and assist in presenting the
12 law or facts at any hearing upon the complaint.

13 ~~3-~~ 4. At the request of the Administrator, the Attorney
14 General shall prosecute such a violation. Unless the violation is
15 prosecuted by the Attorney General, the district attorney shall
16 prosecute a violation that occurs in the county of the district
17 attorney.

18 **Sec. 14.** NRS 645D.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 645D.170 An application for a certificate *or license* must be in
20 writing upon a form prepared and furnished by the Division. The
21 application must include the following information:

22 1. The name, age and address of the applicant.

23 2. The place or places, including the street number, city and
24 county, at which the applicant intends to maintain an office to
25 conduct business as an inspector ~~[-]~~ *or energy auditor.*

26 3. The business, occupation or other employment of the
27 applicant during the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the
28 application, and the location thereof.

29 4. The applicant's education and experience to qualify for a
30 certificate ~~[-]~~ *or license.*

31 5. Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of, is under
32 indictment for, or has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill
33 or nolo contendere to:

34 (a) A felony and, if so, the nature of the felony.

35 (b) Forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false
36 pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud or any crime
37 involving moral turpitude.

38 6. If the applicant is a member of a partnership or association
39 or is an officer of a corporation, the name and address of the
40 principal office of the partnership, association or corporation.

41 7. Any other information relating to the qualifications or
42 background of the applicant that the Division requires.

43 8. All other information required to complete the application.



1 **Sec. 15.** NRS 645D.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 645D.180 1. Each application for a certificate *or license* must
3 be accompanied by the fee for the certificate *or license* and the fee
4 to pay the costs of an investigation of the applicant's background.

5 2. Each applicant must, as part of the application and at his or
6 her own expense:

7 (a) Arrange to have a complete set of fingerprints taken by a law
8 enforcement agency or other authorized entity acceptable to the
9 Division; and

10 (b) Submit to the Division:

11 (1) A completed fingerprint card and written permission
12 authorizing the Division to submit the applicant's fingerprints to the
13 Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for
14 submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report on the
15 applicant's background and to such other law enforcement agencies
16 as the Division deems necessary; or

17 (2) Written verification, on a form prescribed by the
18 Division, stating that the fingerprints of the applicant were taken and
19 directly forwarded electronically or by another means to the Central
20 Repository and that the applicant has given written permission to the
21 law enforcement agency or other authorized entity taking the
22 fingerprints to submit the fingerprints to the Central Repository for
23 submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report on the
24 applicant's background and to such other law enforcement agencies
25 as the Division deems necessary.

26 3. The Division may:

27 (a) Require more than one complete set of fingerprints;

28 (b) Unless the applicant's fingerprints are directly forwarded
29 pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2,
30 submit those fingerprints to the Central Repository for submission
31 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to such other law
32 enforcement agencies as the Division deems necessary; and

33 (c) Request from each such agency any information regarding
34 the applicant's background that the Division deems necessary.

35 **Sec. 16.** NRS 645D.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 645D.190 1. The Administrator shall require each applicant
37 for an original certificate *or license* and each applicant for renewal
38 of a certificate *or license* to submit proof that the applicant or his or
39 her employer holds a policy of insurance covering:

40 (a) Liability for errors or omissions in an amount of not less than
41 \$100,000; and

42 (b) General liability in an amount of not less than \$100,000.

43 2. Each certified inspector, *energy auditor* or his or her
44 employer shall maintain a policy of insurance that complies with the
45 requirements of subsection 1.




1 **Sec. 17.** NRS 645D.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 645D.195 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in
3 this chapter:

4 (a) A person who applies for the issuance of a certificate *or*
5 *license* shall include the social security number of the applicant in
6 the application submitted to the Administrator.

7 (b) A person who applies for the issuance or renewal of a
8 certificate *or license* shall submit to the Administrator the statement
9 prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of
10 the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS
11 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the
12 applicant.

13 2. The Administrator shall include the statement required
14 pursuant to subsection 1 in:

15 (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted
16 for the issuance or renewal of the certificate  *or license*; or

17 (b) A separate form prescribed by the Administrator.

18 3. A certificate *or license* may not be issued or renewed by the
19 Administrator if the applicant:

20 (a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection
21 1; or

22 (b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection
23 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a
24 child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by
25 the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for
26 the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

27 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant
28 to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the
29 support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan
30 approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing
31 the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the
32 order, the Administrator shall advise the applicant to contact the
33 district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to
34 determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the
35 arrearage.

36 **Sec. 18.** NRS 645D.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
37 645D.210 1. If an application for a certificate *or license* is
38 denied:

39 (a) The Division shall notify the applicant within 15 days after
40 its decision; and

41 (b) The applicant may not reapply until he or she petitions the
42 Division for leave to file another application. The Division may
43 grant or deny that leave in its sole discretion.

44 2. If the applicant, within 30 days after receipt of the notice
45 denying the application, files a written request containing



1 allegations that, if true, qualify the applicant for a certificate ~~§~~ *or*
2 *license*, the Administrator shall set the matter for a hearing before a
3 hearing officer of the Division to be conducted within 60 days after
4 receipt of the applicant's request. The decision of the hearing officer
5 is a final decision for the purposes of judicial review.

6 **Sec. 19.** NRS 645D.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 645D.220 The Division, upon the discovery of an error in the
8 issuance of a certificate *or license* that is related to the qualifications
9 or fitness of the holder thereof, may invalidate the certificate *or*
10 *license* upon written notice to the holder. The holder shall surrender
11 the certificate *or license* to the Division within 20 days after the
12 notice is sent by the Division. A person whose certificate *or license*
13 is invalidated pursuant to this section, and who has surrendered his
14 or her certificate ~~§~~ *or license*, may request a hearing on the matter
15 in the same manner as for the denial of an application pursuant to
16 NRS 645D.210.

17 **Sec. 20.** NRS 645D.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 645D.230 1. The Division shall issue a certificate *or license*
19 to each eligible person in the form and size prescribed by the
20 Division. A certificate *or license* must:

21 (a) Indicate the name and address of the inspector *or energy*
22 *auditor* and the location of each place where he or she transacts
23 business as an inspector ~~§~~ *or energy auditor*; and

24 (b) Contain any additional matter prescribed by the Division.

25 2. A certificate *or license* is valid for 2 years after the first day
26 of the first calendar month immediately following the date it is
27 issued.

28 3. If an inspector *or energy auditor* fails to apply for the
29 renewal of his or her certificate *or license* and pay the fee for
30 renewal before the certificate *or license* expires, and applies
31 for renewal:

32 (a) Not later than 1 year after the date of expiration, he or she
33 must pay a fee equal to 150 percent of the amount otherwise
34 required for renewal.

35 (b) Later than 1 year after the date of expiration, he or she must
36 apply in the same manner as for an original certificate ~~§~~ *or license*.

37 4. The Division may:

38 (a) Create and maintain a secure website on the Internet through
39 which each certificate *or license* issued pursuant to the provisions of
40 this chapter may be renewed; and

41 (b) For each certificate *or license* renewed through the use of a
42 website created and maintained pursuant to paragraph (a), charge a
43 fee in addition to any other fee provided for pursuant to this chapter
44 which must not exceed the actual cost to the Division for providing
45 that service.



1 **Sec. 21.** NRS 645D.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 645D.235 1. A certified inspector *or energy auditor* shall
3 notify the Division in writing if he or she is convicted of, or enters a
4 plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to, a felony
5 or any offense involving moral turpitude.

6 2. A certified inspector *or energy auditor* shall submit the
7 notification required by subsection 1:


8 (a) Not more than 10 days after the conviction or entry of the
9 plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere; and

10 (b) When submitting an application to renew a certificate *or*
11 *license* issued pursuant to this chapter.

12 **Sec. 22.** NRS 645D.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:
13 645D.240 1. The following fees must be charged and
14 collected by the Division:

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16	For each application for a certificate <i>or license</i> \$100
17	For the issuance or renewal of a certificate <i>or license</i> 250
18	For each penalty for a late renewal of a certificate <i>or</i>
19	<i>license</i> 125
20	For each change of name, address or association 20
21	For each duplicate certificate <i>or license</i> where the
22	original is lost or destroyed and an affidavit is
23	made thereof..... 20
24	For each reinstatement to active status of an inactive
25	certificate <i>or license</i> 20
26	For each annual approval of a course of instruction
27	offered in preparation for an original certificate <i>or</i>
28	<i>license</i> 100
29	For each original accreditation of a course of
30	continuing education..... 100
31	For each renewal of accreditation of a course of
32	continuing education..... 50
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34 2. The Division shall adopt regulations which establish the fees
35 to be charged and collected by the Division to pay the costs of:

36 (a) Any examination for a certificate  *or license*, including
37 any costs which are necessary for the administration of such an
38 examination.

39 (b) Any investigation of a person’s background.

40 **Sec. 23.** NRS 645D.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:
41 645D.690 The expiration or revocation of a certificate *or*
42 *license* by operation of law or by order or decision of a hearing
43 officer or court of competent jurisdiction, or the voluntary surrender
44 of a certificate *or license* by a certified inspector *or energy auditor*
45 does not:



1 1. Prohibit the Division from initiating or continuing an
2 investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the
3 certified inspector *or energy auditor* as authorized pursuant to the
4 provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant
5 thereto; or

6 2. Prevent the imposition or collection of any fine or penalty
7 authorized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or the
8 regulations adopted pursuant thereto against the certified inspector
9 ~~§~~ *or energy auditor*.

10 **Sec. 24.** NRS 645D.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 645D.700 1. Grounds for disciplinary action against a
12 certified inspector *or energy auditor* are:

- 13 (a) Unprofessional conduct;
14 (b) Professional incompetence; and
15 (c) A criminal conviction for a felony or any offense involving
16 moral turpitude.

17 2. If grounds for disciplinary action against a certified
18 inspector *or energy auditor* exist, the Division may, after providing
19 the inspector *or energy auditor* with notice and an opportunity for a
20 hearing, do one or more of the following:

- 21 (a) Revoke or suspend the certificate ~~§~~ *or license*.
22 (b) Place conditions upon the certificate *or license* or upon the
23 reissuance of a certificate *or license* revoked pursuant to this
24 section.

- 25 (c) Deny the renewal of the certificate ~~§~~ *or license*.
26 (d) Impose a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

27 3. If a certificate *or license* is revoked by the Division, another
28 certificate *or license* must not be issued to the same inspector *or*
29 *energy auditor* for at least 1 year after the date of the revocation, or
30 at any time thereafter except in the sole discretion of the
31 Administrator, and then only if the inspector *or energy auditor*
32 satisfies the requirements for an original certificate ~~§~~ *or license*.

33 4. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and
34 conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.

35 **Sec. 25.** NRS 645D.703 is hereby amended to read as follows:
36 645D.703 In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the
37 Administrator may:

38 1. Refuse to issue a certificate *or license* to a person who has
39 failed to pay money which the person owes to the Division.

40 2. Refuse to renew, or suspend or revoke, the certificate *or*
41 *license* of a person who has failed to pay money which the person
42 owes to the Division.

43 **Sec. 26.** NRS 645D.705 is hereby amended to read as follows:
44 645D.705 1. If the Administrator receives a copy of a court
45 order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the



1 suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational
2 licenses, certificates and permits issued to a certified inspector ~~H~~ *or*
3 *energy auditor*, the Administrator shall deem the certificate *or*
4 *license* issued to that person to be suspended at the end of the 30th
5 day after the date on which the court order was issued unless the
6 Administrator receives a letter issued to the certified inspector *or*
7 *energy auditor* by the district attorney or other public agency
8 pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the certified inspector *or*
9 *energy auditor* has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has
10 satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

11 2. The Administrator shall reinstate a certificate *or license* that
12 has been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if
13 the Administrator receives a letter issued by the district attorney or
14 other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose
15 certificate *or license* was suspended stating that the person whose
16 certificate *or license* was suspended has complied with the subpoena
17 or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

18 **Sec. 27.** NRS 645D.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 645D.730 1. In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the
20 Administrator may impose an administrative fine against any person
21 who knowingly:

22 (a) Engages or offers to engage in any activity for which a
23 certificate *or license* or any type of authorization is required
24 pursuant to this chapter, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto,
25 if the person does not hold the required certificate *or license* or has
26 not been given the required authorization; or

27 (b) Assists or offers to assist another person to commit a
28 violation described in paragraph (a).

29 2. If the Administrator imposes an administrative fine against a
30 person pursuant to this section, the amount of the administrative fine
31 may not exceed the amount of any gain or economic benefit that the
32 person derived from the violation or \$5,000, whichever amount is
33 greater.

34 3. In determining the appropriate amount of the administrative
35 fine, the Administrator shall consider:

36 (a) The severity of the violation and the degree of any harm that
37 the violation caused to other persons;

38 (b) The nature and amount of any gain or economic benefit that
39 the person derived from the violation;

40 (c) The person's history or record of other violations; and

41 (d) Any other facts or circumstances that the Administrator
42 deems to be relevant.

43 4. Before the Administrator may impose the administrative
44 fine, the Administrator must provide the person with notice and an
45 opportunity to be heard.



1 5. The person is entitled to judicial review of the decision of
2 the Administrator in the manner provided by chapter 233B of NRS.

3 6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who
4 engages or offers to engage in activities within the purview of this
5 chapter if:

6 (a) A specific statute exempts the person from complying with
7 the provisions of this chapter with regard to those activities; and

8 (b) The person is acting in accordance with the exemption while
9 engaging or offering to engage in those activities.

10 **Sec. 28.** NRS 645D.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 645D.900 1. A person who obtains or attempts to obtain a
12 certificate *or license* by means of intentional misrepresentation,
13 deceit or fraud is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished
14 as provided in NRS 193.130. In addition to any other penalty, the
15 court may impose a fine of not more than \$10,000.

16 2. A person who:

17 (a) Holds himself or herself out as a certified inspector ~~§~~ *or*
18 *energy auditor*;

19 (b) Uses in connection with his or her name the words
20 "licensed," "registered," "certified" or any other title, word, letter or
21 other designation intended to imply or designate that he or she is a
22 certified inspector ~~§~~ *or energy auditor*; or

23 (c) Describes or refers to any inspection report *or energy audit*
24 prepared by him or her as "certified" or "licensed" in this state,
25 without first obtaining a certificate *or license* as provided in this
26 chapter,

27 ↪ is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

28 **Sec. 29.** NRS 701.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 701.180 The Director shall:

30 1. Acquire and analyze information relating to energy and to
31 the supply, demand and conservation of its sources, including,
32 without limitation:

33 (a) Information relating to the Solar Energy Systems Incentive
34 Program created pursuant to NRS 701B.240 including, without
35 limitation, information relating to:

36 (1) The development of distributed generation systems in this
37 State pursuant to participation in the Solar Energy Systems
38 Incentive Program;

39 (2) The use of carbon-based energy in residential and
40 commercial applications due to participation in the Program; and

41 (3) The average cost of generation on a kilowatt-hour basis
42 for residential and commercial applications due to participation in
43 the Program; and

44 (b) Information relating to any money distributed pursuant to
45 NRS 702.270.



1 2. Review and evaluate information which identifies trends and
2 permits forecasting of the energy available to the State. Such
3 forecasts must include estimates on:

4 (a) The level of demand for energy in the State for 5-, 10- and
5 20-year periods;

6 (b) The amount of energy available to meet each level of
7 demand;

8 (c) The probable implications of the forecast on the demand and
9 supply of energy; and

10 (d) The sources of renewable energy and other alternative
11 sources of energy which are available and their possible effects.

12 3. Study means of reducing wasteful, inefficient, unnecessary
13 or uneconomical uses of energy and encourage the maximum
14 utilization of existing sources of energy in the State.

15 4. Solicit and serve as the point of contact for grants and other
16 money from the Federal Government, including, without limitation,
17 any grants and other money available pursuant to any program
18 administered by the United States Department of Energy, and other
19 sources to cooperate with the Commissioner and the Authority:

20 (a) To promote energy projects that enhance the economic
21 development of the State;

22 (b) To promote the use of renewable energy in this State;

23 (c) To promote the use of measures which conserve or reduce
24 the demand for energy or which result in more efficient use of
25 energy;

26 (d) To develop a comprehensive program for retrofitting public
27 buildings in this State with energy efficiency measures; and

28 (e) If the Commissioner determines that it is feasible and cost-
29 effective, to enter into contracts with researchers from the Nevada
30 System of Higher Education for the design of energy efficiency and
31 retrofit projects to carry out the comprehensive program for
32 retrofitting public buildings in this State developed pursuant to
33 paragraph (d).

34 5. Coordinate the activities and programs of the Office of
35 Energy with the activities and programs of the Authority, the
36 Consumer's Advocate and the Public Utilities Commission of
37 Nevada, and with other federal, state and local officers and agencies
38 that promote, fund, administer or operate activities and programs
39 related to the use of renewable energy and the use of measures
40 which conserve or reduce the demand for energy or which result in
41 more efficient use of energy.

42 6. If requested to make a determination pursuant to NRS
43 111.239 or 278.0208, make the determination within 30 days after
44 receiving the request. If the Director needs additional information to
45 make the determination, the Director may request the information



1 from the person making the request for a determination. Within 15
2 days after receiving the additional information, the Director shall
3 make a determination on the request.

4 7. *Register a person who meets the qualifications set forth in*
5 *section 5 of this act as an energy auditor in this State.*

6 8. *Upon receipt of a report of an energy audit from an energy*
7 *auditor submitted pursuant to subsection 2 of section 6 of this act,*
8 *issue to the homeowner a certificate as proof of the completion of*
9 *the energy audit by the energy auditor.*

10 9. Carry out all other directives concerning energy that are
11 prescribed by the Governor.

12 **Sec. 30.** NRS 113.115 and 701.250 are hereby repealed.

13 **Sec. 31.** Any regulations adopted by the Nevada Energy
14 Commissioner pursuant to NRS 701.250 are void. The Legislative
15 Counsel shall remove those regulations from the Nevada
16 Administrative Code as soon as practicable after July 1, 2011.

17 **Sec. 32.** The Real Estate Division of the Department of
18 Business and Industry and the Director of the Office of Energy
19 shall, on or before July 1, 2011, adopt any regulations which are
20 required by or necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

21 **Sec. 33.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

22 2. Section 17 of this act expires by limitation on the date on
23 which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to
24 establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold
25 or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and
26 recreational licenses of persons who:

27 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to
28 a procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or
29 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

30 (b) Are in arrears in the payment of the support of one or more
31 children,

32 ➤ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

33 3. Section 26 of this act expires by limitation on the date 2
34 years after the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666
35 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state
36 has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of
37 professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

38 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to
39 a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or
40 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

41 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more
42 children,

43 ➤ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.



TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

113.115 Seller to provide evaluation of energy consumption of property; limitations.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the seller shall have the energy consumption of the residential property evaluated pursuant to the program established in NRS 701.250.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, before closing a transaction for the conveyance of residential property, the seller shall serve the purchaser with the completed evaluation required pursuant to subsection 1, if any, on a form to be provided by the Nevada Energy Commissioner, as prescribed in regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 701.250.

3. Subsection 1 does not apply to a sale or intended sale of residential property:

(a) By foreclosure pursuant to chapter 107 of NRS.

(b) Between any co-owners of the property, spouses or persons related within the third degree of consanguinity.

(c) By a person who takes temporary possession or control of or title to the property solely to facilitate the sale of the property on behalf of a person who relocates to another county, state or country before title to the property is transferred to a purchaser.

(d) If the seller and purchaser agree to waive the requirements of subsection 1.

4. If an evaluation of a residential property was completed not more than 5 years before the seller and purchaser entered into the agreement to purchase the residential property, the seller may serve the purchaser with that evaluation.

701.250 Program to evaluate energy consumption of residential property.

1. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing a program for evaluating the energy consumption of residential property in this State.

2. The regulations must include, without limitation:

(a) Standards for evaluating the energy consumption of residential property; and

(b) Provisions prescribing a form to be used pursuant to NRS 113.115, including, without limitation, provisions that require a portion of the form to provide information on programs created pursuant to NRS 702.275 and other programs of improving energy conservation and energy efficiency in residential property.



3. As used in this section:

(a) "Dwelling unit" means any building, structure or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one person who maintains a household or by two or more persons who maintain a common household.

(b) "Residential property" means any land in this State to which is affixed not less than one or more than four dwelling units.

