

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Coulter  
Vice Chairman Fielding  
Assemblyman Price  
Assemblyman Polish

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Chairman Coulter brought this meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. for the purposes of hearing the following bills:

SENATE BILL 432:

Mr. Ray Crosby and Mr. Dana Greenleaf of the Disabled American Veterans, testified in support of this bill. Mr. Crosby stated that this bill, more or less, speaks for itself in that 50% or more disabled veterans are considered definitely disabled to a great degree by the Veterans Administration. Otherwise, these people would not be receiving 50%. They are asking for free hunting and fishing licenses for 50% or more disabled American veterans. He noted a copy of Veteran Administration figures for June, 1978 which is attached hereto and entered as Exhibit "A". He stated that approximately 200 veterans would be using a hunting or a fishing license. He stated that they are talking about is approximately a maximum fiscal impact of \$2,000, and in all probability a little less than that.

Mr. Fred Wright, Fish and Game Department, State of Nevada, testified on this bill. He stated that under the present statutes of 100% disabled veterans, they are licensing approximately 19 veterans. They do estimate that perhaps 200 to 215 people may come forward to obtain an exempt hunting or fishing license. He noted that the Department, over the years, has taken a position that since it operated on hunting and fishing revenues that it had to advise the Legislators that whenever they gave consideration to a special interest group that by reducing the fees, it put the burden of the program on those who did pay. In light of SB 333, he stated, the Department no longer needs to bring that to the Legislature's attention. Therefore, he stated, the adoption of SB 432 is merely a philosophical thing for the legislators to decide upon. He mentioned that they did request on the Senate side that this bill be amended to be effective January 1 and that has been taken care of at this time. The reason behind this is that their exempt licensing system is on a calendar year basis. They operate this by once they have issued a license to one of those people, they automatically send them a renewal the next year.

Assemblyman Fielding questioned them at length as to what exactly is a "Certificate of Satisfactory Service". Mr. Ray Crosby clarified Mr. Fielding's concern by explaining that they get a certificate from the Veteran's Administration stating that they are an honorably discharged veteran and also that they are entitled to whatever percent disability. This is already in the law, he stated.

Mr. Dana Greenleaf added that you could not receive this had you not been honorably discharged from the service.

SENATE BILL 332

Mr. Harry O'Nan, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Audit Division, testified on this bill before the committee. A copy of his testimony is attached hereto and entered as Exhibit "B".

ASSEMBLY BILL 681

Mr. David J. Minedew, Washoe County Health Department, Division of Environmental Services, testified on this bill as he was not present for the previous hearing on this bill, i.e., April 26, 1979. He stated that there is a contradiction within the law in that under NRS 439.410, local health districts are given power to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the installation of septic systems. He read the old section of NRS 445.221 for the committee and stated that technically they have a little problem because "septic system" can be classified as a point source and secondly, eventually the waters do reach the ground waters of the state which are state waters. Therefore, they wanted this changed so that the second paragraph is put down to line 10 where it says "or permitted by Health Division of the Department of Human Resources or District Board of Health or other local health authority, pursuant to regulations governing individual sewage disposal systems." This way, he explained, either Mr. Ernie Gregory can give out a permit or they can give out a permit, legally.

Assemblyman Fielding raised some questions with this bill. He noted that people from his district are against this bill and he noted section 2, the word "permitted" and the line ". . .to regulations governing individual systems for sewage disposal", stating that this would wipe Pahrump out. Mr. Minedew advised that he thought they were under the State District of Health and all they are doing is what they have been doing for years, just making it legal.

Mr. Ernie Gregory, State Division of Environmental Protection, testified on this bill, noting that they had no objection to it. He stated that the strict interpretation of the existing law would imply that the State Environmental Division would permit each and every septic tank constructed within the state. Mr. Gregory noted that they have established regulations for permitting discharges to waters of this state which are both surface and underground waters. Their permit system requires about 21 days from the time the application is made until the permit is issued. They administer both federal permits and state permits, therefore, they follow the federal guidelines for all the permits they do. He noted for Mr. Fielding's information that when he was with the Health Division, their staff people in Las Vegas permitted septic tanks out in the Pahrump area. In effect, this bill makes the state or local health departments legal so they can permit what they are already doing.

There being no further business to consider, Chairman Coulter adjourned this sub-committee meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Veterans Administration Figures - June 1978

Derived from Veterans Administration, Washington D.C.

Disabled American Veteran Population state of Nevada

50% Service connected -----	416
60% Service connected -----	488
70% Service connected -----	250
80% Service connected -----	117
90% Service connected -----	51
100% Service connected -----	217
Total	<u>1699</u>

Respectfully submitted by,

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EXHIBIT A

AUDIT DIVISION  
SB 332

In audit reports on the Division of State Lands and the Division of Water Resources presented by the Audit Division to the Legislative Commission, there were recommendations regarding the classification, creation and repeal of funds in the State's accounting system.

This bill classifies the funds that have been statutorily created, and clarifies the components that make up the Water Distribution Fund in the Division of Water Resources.

DIVISION OF STATE LANDS

Section 2 reclassifies the Carey Act Fund. The Fund was originally created as a trust fund. The audit recommendation was that it be classified as a special revenue fund, not a trust fund.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

The present law provides for a Water Distribution Fund as a revolving fund, several Water Distribution Funds, one for each stream system, and several well basin funds.

The way it is and should be accounted for, is one fund with various accounts. This would provide better control and could result in a financial presentation that would be meaningful.

Section 7 addresses the Water Distribution Fund; a revolving fund created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 232, Statutes of Nevada 1931, and Chapter 23, Statutes of Nevada 1943. The bill continues the revolving fund as a revolving account within the Water Distribution Fund and deletes all references to the Water Distribution Revolving Fund.

Section 11 classifies the Water Distribution Fund as a special revenue fund, and clarifies the components of the Fund.

Section 14 provides that the accounting for well basin operations shall be accomplished in accounts in the Water Distribution Fund.

The other sections of the bill clarify the use of the revolving account, stream system accounts, and well basin accounts within the Water Distribution Fund.

We have not changed the authority or responsibility of the State Engineer or the county commissioners.