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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 57—ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON, PARKS,
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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires State Public Works Board to adopt certain seismic standards and requires certain governing bodies to amend their building codes to include certain seismic standards. (BDR 28-206)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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 construction; requiring the State Public Works Board to adopt certain seismic standards; requiring certain governing bodies to amend their building codes to include certain seismic standards; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 341 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 *For the purposes of the design and construction of buildings or*
4 *other projects of this state, the Board shall adopt by regulation:*
5 1. *The seismic provisions of the International Building Code*
6 *published by the International Code Council; and*
7 2. *Standards for the investigation of hazards relating to*
8 *seismic activity, including, without limitation, potential surface*
9 *ruptures and liquefaction.*



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1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 278.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 278.580 1. Subject to the limitation set forth in NRS 244.368,
3 the governing body of any city or county may adopt a building code,
4 specifying the design, soundness and materials of structures, and
5 may adopt rules, ordinances and regulations for the enforcement of
6 the building code.

7 2. The governing body may also fix a reasonable schedule of
8 fees for the issuance of building permits. A schedule of fees so fixed
9 does not apply to the State of Nevada, the University and
10 Community College System of Nevada or any school district, except
11 that such entities may contract with the governing body to pay such
12 fees for the issuance of building permits, the review of plans and the
13 inspection of construction. Except as it may agree to in such a
14 contract, a governing body is not required to provide for the review
15 of plans or the inspection of construction with respect to a structure
16 of the State of Nevada, the University and Community College
17 System of Nevada or any school district.

18 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State and its
19 political subdivisions shall comply with all zoning regulations
20 adopted pursuant to this chapter, except for the expansion of any
21 activity existing on April 23, 1971.

22 4. A ~~local~~ governing body shall amend its building codes to
23 permit the use of straw or other materials and technologies which
24 conserve scarce natural resources or resources that are renewable in
25 the construction of a structure and the use of solar energy for the
26 heating of a structure, to the extent the local climate allows . ~~as~~
27 ~~intended by:~~

28 ~~—(a) The Uniform Building Code adopted by the International~~
29 ~~Conference of Building Officials in the form most recently~~
30 ~~published before March 1, 1995; and~~

31 ~~—(b) The Model Energy Code adopted by the Council of~~
32 ~~American Building Officials in the form most recently published~~
33 ~~before March 1, 1995.]~~

34 5. *A governing body shall amend its building codes to*
35 *include:*

36 *(a) The seismic provisions of the International Building Code*
37 *published by the International Code Council; and*

38 *(b) Standards for the investigation of hazards relating to*
39 *seismic activity, including, without limitation, potential surface*
40 *ruptures and liquefaction.*

41 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003, for the
42 purposes of:

43 1. The State Public Works Board adopting the seismic
44 provisions and standards specified in section 1 of this act; and



1 2. A governing body amending its building codes to include
2 the seismic provisions and standards specified in subsection 5 of
3 NRS 278.580, as amended by section 2 of this act,
4 and on July 1, 2004, for all other purposes.

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