

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 137—ASSEMBLYMEN NEAL; AND AIZLEY

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to landscaping within common-interest communities. (BDR 10-215)

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 [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; prohibiting the executive board and the governing documents of a common-interest community from requiring landscaping within certain areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law provides that the executive board and the governing documents of  
2 a common-interest community may not prohibit a unit's owner from installing or  
3 maintaining drought tolerant landscaping within certain areas that a unit's owner  
4 has a right to occupy and use exclusively. (NRS 116.330) This bill similarly  
5 prohibits the executive board and the governing documents from requiring a unit's  
6 owner to landscape a unit's backyard.

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

1   **Section 1.** Chapter 116 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3   ***The executive board shall not and the governing documents  
4 must not require a unit's owner to install landscaping within the  
5 backyard of the unit's owner.***

6   **Sec. 2.** NRS 116.1203 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7   116.1203 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2  
8 and 3, if a planned community contains no more than 12 units and is  
9 not subject to any developmental rights, it is subject only to



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1 NRS 116.1106 and 116.1107 unless the declaration provides that  
2 this entire chapter is applicable.

3       2. The provisions of NRS 116.12065 and the definitions set  
4 forth in NRS 116.005 to 116.095, inclusive, to the extent that the  
5 definitions are necessary to construe any of those provisions, apply  
6 to a residential planned community containing more than 6 units.

7       3. Except for NRS 116.3104, 116.31043, 116.31046 and  
8 116.31138, the provisions of NRS 116.3101 to 116.350, inclusive,  
9 ***and section 1 of this act,*** and the definitions set forth in NRS  
10 116.005 to 116.095, inclusive, to the extent that such definitions are  
11 necessary in construing any of those provisions, apply to a  
12 residential planned community containing more than 6 units.

13     **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

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