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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 160—ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

**SUMMARY**—Requires consideration of alternatives to window replacement in certain state buildings. (BDR 58-725)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.

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.

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AN ACT relating to energy; requiring the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration to conduct an evaluation on installing alternatives to window replacement before replacing windows in certain public buildings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

This bill requires the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration to conduct an evaluation on the feasibility of using alternatives to window replacement before the Division replaces windows in certain public buildings. This bill further requires the Division to use an alternative to window replacement if the potential savings from use of the alternative exceed the costs of the alternative. This bill exempts the Division from performing such an evaluation before replacing windows in a state prison facility or institution or windows that are broken. This bill also requires the Division to obtain the approval of the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources before replacing the windows or using an alternative to window replacement in a public building that is at least 50 years old.

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

1      **Section 1.** Chapter 701B of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3      ***1. When considering window replacement in public  
4 buildings, the State Public Works Division of the Department of***



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1    *Administration shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,  
2    evaluate alternatives to window replacement, including, without  
3    limitation:*

- 4    (a) *Weather stripping;*
- 5    (b) *Interior window surface film;*
- 6    (c) *Insulating cellular shades;*
- 7    (d) *Exterior storm windows;*
- 8    (e) *Interior window panels; or*
- 9    (f) *Any combination of alternatives listed in paragraphs (a)  
10   to (e), inclusive.*

11   *2. An evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection 1 must  
12   include the cost of such alternatives to window replacements and  
13   potential savings from each alternative, including, without  
14   limitation, energy savings. If the Division determines that the  
15   potential savings from the use of an alternative to window  
16   replacement exceed the costs of the alternative, the Division must  
17   use the alternative in lieu of window replacement.*

18   *3. The Division is not required to conduct an evaluation  
19   pursuant to subsection 1 before replacing:*

- 20    (a) *The windows in a state prison facility or institution; or*
- 21    (b) *A broken window.*

22   *4. A determination to replace the windows or use an  
23   alternative to window replacement pursuant to subsection 2 in a  
24   public building that is at least 50 years old must be approved by  
25   the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of  
26   Conservation and Natural Resources before the Division may use  
27   the alternative.*

28   *5. As used in this section, "public building" means any  
29   building to which the provisions of NRS 341.1405 to 341.148,  
30   inclusive, apply.*

31   **Sec. 2.** NRS 383.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32      383.021 1. The Office of Historic Preservation is hereby  
33   created.

34      2. The Office shall:

35        (a) Encourage, plan and coordinate historic preservation and  
36   archeological activities within the State, including programs to  
37   survey, record, study and preserve or salvage cultural resources.

38        (b) Compile and maintain an inventory of cultural resources in  
39   Nevada deemed significant by the Administrator.

40        (c) Designate repositories for the materials that comprise the  
41   inventory.

42        (d) Provide staff assistance to the Commission.

43        (e) *Consider requests from the State Public Works Division of  
44   the Department of Administration pursuant to section 1 of this act*



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1    *and approve the request if the Office determines the request*  
2    *promotes historic preservation.*

3        3. The Comstock Historic District Commission is within the  
4    Office.

5        **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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