

SENATE BILL NO. 324—SENATORS SCHEIBLE; AND NGUYEN

MARCH 11, 2025

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Establishes prohibitions relating to the sale of water in certain disposable plastic bottles in communities abutting the Lake Tahoe Watershed. (BDR 40-216)

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 ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to natural resources; prohibiting the sale, offer for sale or distribution for sale of water in certain disposable plastic bottles within any community which abuts the Lake Tahoe Watershed; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law establishes certain prohibitions relating to water pollution in Lake Tahoe and within the Lake Tahoe Watershed. (NRS 445A.170-445A.190) **Section 1** of this bill prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale or distributing for sale water in a disposable plastic bottle that has a capacity of not more than 4 liters in any community which abuts the Lake Tahoe Watershed. **Section 1** requires the Attorney General to enforce this prohibition and authorizes the Attorney General to enter property within the Lake Tahoe Watershed to inspect for compliance.

**Section 2** of this bill provides that the provisions requiring the Attorney General to enforce **section 1** and authorizing the Attorney General to adopt regulations are thereby exceptions to the enforcement and regulatory powers of the State Environmental Commission and the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**Section 3** of this bill provides that a person who violates the provisions of **section 1** is guilty of a misdemeanor.



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

**Section 1.** Chapter 445A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A person shall not sell, offer to sell or distribute for sale water in a disposable plastic bottle that has a capacity of not more than 4 liters in any community that abuts the Lake Tahoe Watershed.*

*2. The Attorney General:*

*(a) Shall enforce the provisions of this section and may enter any property within the Lake Tahoe Watershed area for the purpose of inspecting such premises to determine whether or not the property is complying with the provisions of this section; and*

*(b) May adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.*

*3. As used in this section:*

*(a) "Disposable plastic bottle" means a single-use or disposable item that is made of plastic and used for bottling, packaging, serving, consuming or transporting water.*

*(b) "Plastic" means a synthetic or semisynthetic material chemically synthesized by the polymerization of organic substances that can be molded and shaped into rigid and flexible forms.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 445A.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445A.180 *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act:*

1. The State Environmental Commission may adopt reasonable regulations consistent with law governing the Lake Tahoe Watershed area to carry out the purpose and intent of NRS 445A.170 to 445A.190, inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act.*

2. The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:

(a) May enforce the regulations of the State Environmental Commission with respect to the provisions of NRS 445A.170 to 445A.190, inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act.*

(b) May enter on any property within the Lake Tahoe Watershed area for the purpose of inspecting such premises to determine whether or not they are in conformity with the provisions of NRS 445A.170 to 445A.190, inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act.*

3. All regulations and standards adopted by the State Board of Health pertaining to the protection of Lake Tahoe and its watershed in force on July 1, 1975, remain in effect until revised by the State Environmental Commission pursuant to NRS 445A.170 to 445A.190, inclusive **H**, *and section 1 of this act.*



1     **Sec. 3.** NRS 445A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     445A.190 Any person, firm, association or corporation  
3     violating any of the provisions of NRS 445A.170 to 445A.185,  
4     inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* or of the rules and regulations  
5     hereby established shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.



