

SENATE BILL NO. 347—SENATORS TITUS, JAMES AND O’DONNELL

MARCH 14, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates state tartan. (BDR 19-749)

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.

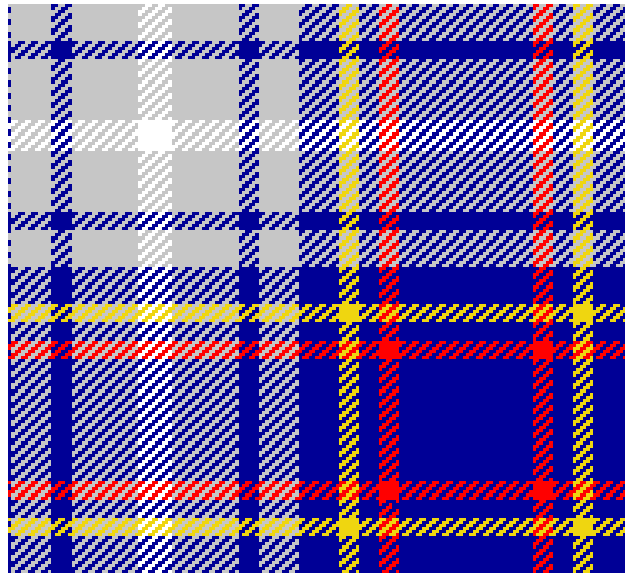
AN ACT relating to state emblems; designating a state tartan; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
- 2 new section to read as follows:
- 3 *1. The tartan designed by Richard Zygmunt Pawlowski and further*
- 4 *described in this section is hereby designated as the official state tartan*
- 5 *of the State of Nevada. The colors and design of the tartan represent the*
- 6 *following features that make Nevada a unique and bountiful state:*
- 7 *(a) Blue represents one of the state colors of Nevada, the pristine*
- 8 *waters of Lake Tahoe and the mountain bluebird, the official state bird;*
- 9 *(b) Silver represents the other state color, the official state mineral,*
- 10 *the granite composition of the Sierra Nevada mountain range and the*
- 11 *silver country of northern Nevada;*
- 12 *(c) Red represents the Virgin Valley black fire opal, the official state*
- 13 *precious gemstone, and the red rock formations of southern Nevada;*
- 14 *(d) Yellow represents sagebrush, the official state flower, and*
- 15 *symbolizes the great basin region of central Nevada;*
- 16 *(e) White represents the name of this state meaning snow-covered,*
- 17 *which is the translation of the Spanish word “nevada”;*
- 18 *(f) The crossing of the yellow and red stripes represents the different*
- 19 *colors of Nevada sandstone, the official state rock;*
- 20 *(g) The white intersection on the silver field stands for the snow-*
- 21 *capped peaks of granite mountains, which make up the Sierra Nevada*
- 22 *mountain range;*



- 1     (h) The four blue lines represent the four main rivers of Nevada
- 2     which are the Colorado River, Truckee River, Humboldt River and
- 3     Walker River;
- 4     (i) The intersecting blue lines in the silver field represent the Colorado
- 5     River as it meets Hoover Dam and creates Lake Mead;
- 6     (j) The small solid "boxes" of silver and blue number 8 by 8, or 64, to
- 7     signify the year (1864) that Nevada was admitted into statehood;
- 8     (k) The 13 solid-colored intersections of the small stripes represent
- 9     Boundary Peak, the highest point in Nevada, which stands at an
- 10    elevation of 13,143 feet; and
- 11    (l) The 16 solid silver intersections and the solid white intersection in
- 12    the center of the tartan represent the 16 counties and the one
- 13    consolidated city-county government of Nevada.
- 14    2. The official state tartan must be reproduced in the following
- 15    colors, pattern and dimension of pattern:



- 16    **Sec. 2.** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, the
- 17    director of the legislative counsel bureau shall register the official state
- 18    tartan with the Scottish Tartan Society.
- 19    **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

