AN ACT relating to real property; revising provisions relating to covenants that may be adopted by reference in a deed of trust; providing methods by which assumption fees for a change of parties in a deed of trust may be set; requiring a foreclosure sale of commercial property to be held in a public location specified in certain recorded documents; revising provisions relating to accounting for impound accounts for the payment of certain obligations relating to certain real property; providing a civil penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Sections 1 and 2 of this bill amend a statutory covenant that may be adopted by reference in a deed of trust to allow the parties thereto the alternatives of paying, in connection with a trustee’s sale, either reasonable counsel fees and actual costs incurred or counsel fees in an amount equal to a specified percentage of the property secured by the deed of trust.

Section 3 of this bill sets forth certain methods of specifying assumption fees for a change in parties in a deed of trust.

Section 4 of this bill requires a foreclosure sale of commercial property to be conducted at the public location specified in the notice of sale recorded by the trustee of a trust deed or transfer in trust.

Sections 5 and 6 of this bill revise provisions relating to accountings for impound accounts for the payment of certain obligations relating to certain real property.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 107.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

107.030 Every deed of trust made after March 29, 1927, may
adopt by reference all or any of the following covenants,
agreements, obligations, rights and remedies:

1. COVENANT NO. 1. That grantor agrees to pay and discharge
at maturity all taxes and assessments and all other charges and
encumbrances which now are or shall hereafter be, or appear to be, a
lien upon the trust premises, or any part thereof; and that grantor
will pay all interest or installments due on any prior encumbrance,
and that in default thereof, beneficiary may, without demand or
notice, pay the same, and beneficiary shall be sole judge of the
legality or validity of such taxes, assessments, charges or
encumbrances, and the amount necessary to be paid in satisfaction
or discharge thereof.

2. COVENANT NO. 2. That the grantor will at all times keep the
buildings and improvements which are now or shall hereafter be
erected upon the premises insured against loss or damage by fire, to
the amount of at least $........, by some insurance company or
companies approved by beneficiary, the policies for which insurance
shall be made payable, in case of loss, to beneficiary, and shall be
delivered to and held by the beneficiary as further security; and that
in default thereof, beneficiary may procure such insurance, not
exceeding the amount aforesaid, to be effected either upon the
interest of trustee or upon the interest of grantor, or his or her
assigns, and in their names, loss, if any, being made payable to
beneficiary, and may pay and expend for premiums for such
insurance such sums of money as the beneficiary may deem
necessary.

3. COVENANT NO. 3. That if, during the existence of the trust,
there be commenced or pending any suit or action affecting the
conveyed premises, or any part thereof, or the title thereto, or if any
adverse claim for or against the premises, or any part thereof, be
made or asserted, the trustee or beneficiary may appear or intervene
in the suit or action and retain counsel therein and defend same, or
otherwise take such action therein as they may be advised, and may
settle or compromise same or the adverse claim; and in that behalf
and for any of the purposes may pay and expend such sums of
money as the trustee or beneficiary may deem to be necessary.

4. COVENANT NO. 4. That the grantor will pay to trustee and to
beneficiary respectively, on demand, the amounts of all sums of
money which they shall respectively pay or expend pursuant to the
provisions of the implied covenants of this section, or any of them,
together with interest upon each of the amounts, until paid, from the
time of payment thereof, at the rate of ............... percent per annum.

5. COVENANT NO. 5. That in case grantor shall well and truly
perform the obligation or pay or cause to be paid at maturity the
debt or promissory note, and all moneys agreed to be paid, and
interest thereon for the security of which the transfer is made, and
also the reasonable expenses of the trust in this section specified,
then the trustee, its successors or assigns, shall reconvey to the
grantor all the estate in the premises conveyed to the trustee by
the grantor. Any part of the trust property may be reconveyed at the
request of the beneficiary.

6. COVENANT NO. 6. That if default be made in the
performance of the obligation, or in the payment of the debt, or
interest thereon, or any part thereof, or in the payment of any of the
other moneys agreed to be paid, or of any interest thereon, or if any
of the conditions or covenants in this section adopted by reference
be violated, and if the notice of breach and election to sell, required
by this chapter, be first recorded, then trustee, its successors or
assigns, on demand by beneficiary, or assigns, shall sell the above-
granted premises, or such part thereof as in its discretion it shall find
necessary to sell, in order to accomplish the objects of these trusts,
in the manner following, namely:

The trustees shall first give notice of the time and place of such
sale, in the manner provided in NRS 107.080 and may postpone
such sale not more than three times by proclamation made to the
persons assembled at the time and place previously appointed and
advertised for such sale, and on the day of sale so advertised, or to
which such sale may have been postponed, the trustee may sell the
property so advertised, or any portion thereof, at public auction, at
the time and place specified in the notice, at a public location in the
county in which the property, or any part thereof, to be sold, is
situated, to the highest cash bidder. The beneficiary, obligee,
creditor, or the holder or holders of the promissory note or notes
secured thereby may bid and purchase at such sale. The beneficiary
may, after recording the notice of breach and election, waive or
withdraw the same or any proceedings thereunder, and shall
thereupon be restored to the beneficiary’s former position and have
and enjoy the same rights as though such notice had not been
recorded.

7. COVENANT NO. 7. That the trustee, upon such sale, shall
make (without warranty), execute and, after due payment made,
deliver to purchaser or purchasers, his, her or their heirs or assigns, a
deed or deeds of the premises so sold which shall convey to the
purchaser all the title of the grantor in the trust premises, and shall
apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in payment, firstly, of the
expenses of such sale, together with the reasonable expenses of the
trust, including counsel fees, in an amount equal to ................
percent of the amount secured thereby and remaining unpaid or
reasonable counsel fees and costs actually incurred, which shall
become due upon any default made by grantor in any of the
payments aforesaid; and also such sums, if any, as trustee or
beneficiary shall have paid, for procuring a search of the title to the
premises, or any part thereof, subsequent to the execution of the
deed of trust; and in payment, secondly, of the obligation or debts
secured, and interest thereon then remaining unpaid, and the amount
of all other moneys with interest thereon herein agreed or provided
to be paid by grantor; and the balance or surplus of such proceeds of
sale it shall pay to grantor, his or her heirs, executors, administrators
or assigns.

8. COVENANT NO. 8. That in the event of a sale of the premises
conveyed or transferred in trust, or any part thereof, and the
execution of a deed or deeds therefor under such trust, the recital
therein of default, and of recording notice of breach and election of
sale, and of the elapsing of the 3-month period, and of the giving of
notice of sale, and of a demand by beneficiary, his or her heirs or
assigns, that such sale should be made, shall be conclusive proof of
such default, recording, election, elapsing of time, and of the due
giving of such notice, and that the sale was regularly and validly
made on due and proper demand by beneficiary, his or her heirs and
assigns; and any such deed or deeds with such recitals therein shall
be effectual and conclusive against grantor, his or her heirs and
assigns, and all other persons; and the receipt for the purchase
money recited or contained in any deed executed to the purchaser as
aforesaid shall be sufficient discharge to such purchaser from all
obligation to see to the proper application of the purchase money,
according to the trusts aforesaid.

9. COVENANT NO. 9. That the beneficiary or his or her assigns
may, from time to time, appoint another trustee, or trustees, to
execute the trust created by the deed of trust or other conveyance in
trust. A copy of a resolution of the board of directors of beneficiary
(if beneficiary be a corporation), certified by the secretary thereof,
under its corporate seal, or an instrument executed and
acknowledged by the beneficiary (if the beneficiary be a natural
person), shall be conclusive proof of the proper appointment of such
substituted trustee. Upon the recording of such certified copy or
executed and acknowledged instrument, the new trustee or trustees
shall be vested with all the title, interest, powers, duties and trusts in
the premises vested in or conferred upon the original trustee. If there
be more than one trustee, either may act alone and execute the trusts
upon the request of the beneficiary, and all of the trustee’s acts
thereunder shall be deemed to be the acts of all trustees, and the
recital in any conveyance executed by such sole trustee of such
request shall be conclusive evidence thereof, and of the authority of
such sole trustee to act.

Sec. 2. NRS 107.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
107.040 1. In order to adopt by reference any of the
covenants, agreements, obligations, rights and remedies in NRS
107.030, it shall only be necessary to state in the deed of trust the
following: “The following covenants, Nos. ................, ................
and ................ (inserting the respective numbers) of NRS 107.030
are hereby adopted and made a part of this deed of trust.”
2. A deed of trust or other conveyance in trust, in order to fix
the amount of insurance to be carried, need not reincorporate the
provisions of Covenant No. 2 of NRS 107.030, but may merely state
the following: “Covenant No. 2,” and set out thereafter the amount
of insurance to be carried.
3. In order to fix the rate of interest under Covenant No. 4 of
NRS 107.030, it shall only be necessary to state in such trust deed or
other conveyance in trust, “Covenant No. 4,” and set out thereafter
the rate of interest to be charged thereunder.
4. In order to fix the amount or percent of counsel fees under
Covenant No. 7 of NRS 107.030, it shall only be necessary to state
in such deed of trust, or other conveyance in trust, the following:
“Covenant No. 7,” and set out thereafter either the percentage to be
allowed [–] or, in lieu of the percentage to be allowed, reasonable
counsel fees and costs actually incurred.

Sec. 3. NRS 107.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:
107.055 If a party to a deed of trust, executed after
July 1, 1971, desires to charge an assumption fee for a change in
parties, the amount of such charge must be clearly set forth in the
deed of trust at the time of execution. Without limiting or
prohibiting any other method by which the amount of the charge
may be clearly set forth in the deed of trust, the charge may be set
forth as:
1. A fixed sum;
2. A percentage of the amount secured by the deed of trust
and remaining unpaid at the time of assumption; or
3. The lesser of, the greater of or some combination of the
amounts determined by subsections 1 and 2.

Sec. 4. NRS 107.081 is hereby amended to read as follows:
107.081 1. All sales of property pursuant to NRS 107.080
must be made at auction to the highest bidder and must be made
between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The agent holding the sale
must not become a purchaser at the sale or be interested in any
purchase at such a sale.
2. All sales of real property must be made:
   (a) For a residential foreclosure or foreclosure of a residential unit:
      (1) In a county with a population of less than 100,000, at the courthouse in the county in which the property or some part thereof is situated.
      (b) In a county with a population of 100,000 or more, at the public location in the county designated by the governing body of the county for that purpose.
   (b) For a foreclosure of commercial property, at a public location in the county in which the property or some part thereof is situated as specified in the notice of sale recorded by the trustee of the trust deed or transfer in trust.
3. For the purposes of this section:
   (a) “Commercial property” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 645E.040.
   (b) “Residential foreclosure” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 107.080.
   (c) “Residential unit” means a unit in a common-interest community that is used exclusively for residential use, as those terms are defined in chapter 116 of NRS.
Sec. 4.5. (Deleted by amendment.)
Sec. 5. NRS 100.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:
   100.091 1. For each loan requiring the deposit of money to an escrow account, loan trust account or other impound account for the payment of taxes, assessments, rental or leasehold payments, fire, hazard or other insurance premiums or other obligations related to the encumbered property, the lender shall:
      (a) Require contributions in an amount reasonably necessary to pay the obligations as they become due.
      (b) Unless money in the account is insufficient, pay in a timely manner the obligations as they become due.
      (c) At least annually, analyze the account. The analysis of each account must be performed to determine whether sufficient money is contributed to the account on a monthly basis to pay for the projected disbursements from the account. At least 30 days before the effective date of any increased contribution to the account based on the analysis, a statement must be sent to the borrower showing the method of determining the amount of money held in the account, the amount of projected disbursements from the account and the amount of the reserves which may be held in accordance with federal guidelines. 2. If, upon completion of the analysis, it is determined that an account is not sufficiently funded to pay from the normal payment the items when due on the account, the lender shall offer the
borrower the opportunity to correct the deficiency by making one lump-sum payment or by making increased monthly contributions, in an amount required by the lender. The lender shall not declare a default on the account solely because the borrower is unable to pay the amount of the deficiency in one lump sum.

3. Except for payments made by a borrower for a lender to recover previous deficiencies in contributions to the account pursuant to subsection 2, the borrower is entitled pursuant to subsection 4 to the amount by which the borrower’s contributions to the account exceed the amount reasonably necessary to pay the annual obligations due from the account, together with interest thereon at the rate established pursuant to NRS 99.040.

4. If, upon completion of the analysis, it is determined that the amount of money held by the lender in the account, together with anticipated future monthly contributions to the account to be credited to the account before the dates items are due on the account, exceed the amount of money required to pay the items when due, the lender shall, [at the option of not later than 30 days after completion of its annual review of the account, notify the borrower:

(a) Of the amount by which the contributions and interest earned pursuant to subsection 3 exceed the amount reasonably necessary to pay the annual obligations due from the account; and

(b) That the borrower may, not later than 20 days after receipt of the notice, specify that the lender:

(1) Repay the excess money and interest promptly to the borrower;

(2) Apply the excess money and interest to the outstanding principal balance;

(3) Retain the excess money and interest in the account.

5. If the borrower fails to specify the disposition of the excess money and interest as provided in paragraph (b) of subsection 4, the lender shall maintain the excess money and interest in the account.

6. If any payment on the loan is delinquent at the time of the analysis, the lender shall retain any excess money and interest in the account and apply the excess money and interest in the account toward payment of the delinquency.

7. A lender who violates any provision of subsections 4, 5 and 6 is liable to the borrower for a civil penalty of not more than $1,000.

8. The provisions of this section apply exclusively to:

(a) A loan secured by a single family residence, as that term is defined in NRS 107.080; and
(b) A unit in a common-interest community that is used exclusively for residential use, as those terms are defined in chapter 116 of NRS.

As used in this section:

(a) “Borrower” means any person who receives a loan secured by real property and who is required to make advance contributions for the payment of taxes, insurance premiums or other expenses related to the property.

(b) “Lender” means any person who makes loans secured by real property and who requires advance contributions for the payment of taxes, insurance premiums or other expenses related to the property.

Sec. 6. NRS 106.105 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

106.105 Contributions; payment of obligations; notice regarding and disposition of excess money; civil penalty.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a lender who requires a borrower to make advance contributions to an impound trust account, or an account of similar name, for the payment of taxes, insurance premiums or other obligations related to the encumbered property shall:

(a) Require contributions in an amount reasonably necessary to pay the obligations as they become due.

(b) Unless money in the account is insufficient, pay in a timely manner the obligations as they become due.

(c) Within 30 days after the completion of its annual review of the account, notify the borrower:

(1) Of the amount by which the contributions exceed the amount reasonably necessary to pay the annual obligations due from the account; and

(2) That the borrower may specify the disposition of the excess money within 20 days after receipt of the notice. If the borrower fails to specify such a disposition within that time, the lender shall maintain the excess money in the account.

A lender who violates any provision of this subsection is liable to the borrower for a civil penalty of not more than $1,000.

2. A lender, to recover previous deficiencies in contributions to an impound trust account, may require contributions to the account in an amount greater than that reasonably necessary to pay the obligations as they become due. The borrower is otherwise entitled
to the amount by which the borrower's contributions to the account exceed the amount reasonably necessary to pay the annual obligations due from the account, together with interest thereon at the rate established pursuant to NRS 99.040.

3. As used in this section:
   (a) “Borrower” means a mortgagor, grantor of a deed of trust or other obligor on a loan secured by a lien upon real property.
   (b) “Lender” means a mortgagee, beneficiary of a deed of trust or other obligee on a loan secured by a lien upon real property, and his or her successor in interest.