

SENATE BILL NO. 105—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RENO)

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions pertaining to crime of placing graffiti on or otherwise defacing property. (BDR 15-375)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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.

AN ACT relating to graffiti; making various changes to the provisions pertaining to the crime of placing graffiti on or otherwise defacing property; 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.** NRS 206.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 206.330 1. Unless a greater criminal penalty is provided by a
3 specific statute, a person who places graffiti on or otherwise defaces
4 the public or private property, real or personal, of another, without
5 the permission of the owner ~~is guilty of a public offense, as~~
6 ~~prescribed in NRS 193.155, proportionate to the value of the~~
7 ~~property damaged or destroyed and in no event less than a~~
8 ~~misdemeanor.]:~~
9 *(a) Where the value of the loss is less than \$250, is guilty of a*
10 *misdemeanor.*
11 *(b) Where the value of the loss is \$250 or more but less than*
12 *\$5,000, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.*
13 *(c) Where the value of the loss is \$5,000 or more or where the*
14 *damage results in the impairment of public communication,*



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1 *transportation or police and fire protection, is guilty of a category*
2 *C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.*

3 2. *For purposes of determining the grade of the penalty*
4 *prescribed in subsection 1, the value of the property damaged or*
5 *destroyed from the commission of multiple offenses may be*
6 *aggregated if one or more persons commit the offenses pursuant*
7 *to a scheme or continuing course of conduct.*

8 3. A person who violates subsection 1 shall, in addition to any
9 other fine or penalty imposed:

10 (a) For the first offense, perform not less than 50 hours, but not
11 more than 99 hours, of community service.

12 (b) For the second offense, perform not less than 100 hours, but
13 not more than 199 hours, of community service.

14 (c) For the third and each subsequent offense, perform not less
15 than 200 hours of community service.

16 The community service assigned pursuant to this subsection must, if
17 possible, be related to the abatement of graffiti.

18 ~~3-~~ 4. The parent or legal guardian of a person under the age of
19 ~~17~~ 18 years who violates this section is liable for all fines and
20 penalties imposed against the person. If the parent or legal guardian
21 is unable to pay the fine and penalties resulting from a violation of
22 this section because of financial hardship, the court may require the
23 parent or legal guardian to perform community service.

24 ~~4-~~ 5. If a person who is 18 years of age or older is found
25 guilty of violating this section, the court may issue an order
26 suspending the driver's license of the person for a period not to
27 exceed ~~6~~ 12 months in addition to any other penalty imposed. If
28 such an order is issued, the court shall require the person to
29 surrender all driver's licenses then held by the person. If the person
30 does not possess a driver's license, the court may issue an order
31 prohibiting the person from applying for a driver's license within
32 the ~~6~~ 12 months immediately following the date of the order. The
33 court shall, within 5 days after issuing the order, forward to the
34 Department of Motor Vehicles any licenses together with a copy of
35 the order.

36 ~~5-~~ 6. The Department of Motor Vehicles:

37 (a) Shall not treat a violation of this section in the manner
38 statutorily required for a moving traffic violation.

39 (b) Shall report the suspension of a driver's license pursuant to
40 this section to an insurance company or its agent inquiring about the
41 person's driving record. An insurance company shall not use any
42 information obtained pursuant to this paragraph for purposes related
43 to establishing premium rates or determining whether to underwrite
44 the insurance.



1 ~~6.~~ 7. A criminal penalty imposed pursuant to this section is in
2 addition to any civil penalty or other remedy available pursuant to
3 another statute for the same conduct.
4 8. *As used in this section, "impairment" means the disruption*
5 *of ordinary and incidental services, the temporary loss of use or*
6 *the removal of the property from service for repair of damage.*
7 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

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