

Nev. bill would create repeater felony for graffiti crimes

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CARSON CITY – Nevada lawmakers are reviewing a bill creating a felony charge for repeated graffiti offenses.

Republican Assemblyman Lynn Stewart is sponsoring AB 244 which was heard Tuesday morning in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

The bill would require a person convicted of three graffiti offenses would be guilty of a category C felony which includes a one to five year prison sentence.

Graffiti offenses can range from a misdemeanor to felony based on the amount of damage and where the crime takes place.

Las Vegas police lobbyist A.J. Delap said the bill would mainly target repeat adult offenders who continuously violate the law.

Clark County Public Defender's Office lobbyist Steve Yeager said the current law sufficiently covers graffiti offenses and worried the bill would harshly affect juveniles.