Amendment No. 239

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 287	(BDR 15-922)					
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Judiciary						
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: N	lo Digest: Yes					

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of <u>green bold underlining</u> is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) <u>red-strikethrough</u> is deleted language in the original bill; (4) <u>purple double strikethrough</u> is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

DY/BAW Date: 4/7/2015

A.B. No. 287—Prohibits a person from making or causing to be made a 311 nonemergency telephone call under certain circumstances. (BDR 15-922)

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 287—ASSEMBLYMEN FLORES, O'NEILL, JONES, MOORE, CARRILLO; DICKMAN, DOOLING, ELLISON, FIORE, GARDNER, JOINER, SEAMAN, SILBERKRAUS, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, TROWBRIDGE, WHEELER AND WOODBURY

MARCH 13, 2015

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SPEARMAN; DENIS AND KIHUEN

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits a person from making or causing to be made [a 311]

<u>certain</u> nonemergency telephone [eall] <u>calls</u> under certain circumstances. (BDR 15-922)

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.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to crimes; prohibiting a person from making or causing to be made learning-state-111 certain nonemergency telephone learning-state-1111 certain circumstances; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law makes it a gross misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or willfully make or cause to be made any telephonic access to a system established to provide a telephone number to be used in an emergency if no actual or perceived emergency exists. (NRS 207.245) This bill similarly makes it a gross misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or willfully make or cause to be made a [311] nonemergency telephone call to report an emergency on any nonemergency telephone line maintained by a governmental entity if no actual or perceived emergency exists. This bill also makes it a category E felony for a person to commit either offense if the person [knew or reasonably should have knewn that his or her conduct would create a risk which is likely to and actually] intended to initiate an emergency response and the emergency response initiated by that person results in the death or serious bodily injury of another. This bill further provides that a person who is convicted of a category E felony for such an offense is liable for any costs incurred by any governmental entity as a result of his or her conduct. Finally, this bill provides that it is an affirmative defense to a violation charged pursuant to the provisions of this bill if it is proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant suffers from a mental illness or is intellectually disabled.

Section 1. NRS 207.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

207.245 1. [As used in this section, "system" means a system established to provide a telephone number to be used in an emergency.

- 2.1 It is unlawful for any person knowingly or willfully to make or cause to be made tanyl:
 - (a) Any telephonic access to a system; or
- (b) A [311] nonemergency telephone call to report an emergency [5] on any nonemergency telephone line maintained by a governmental entity.

 → if no actual or perceived emergency exists.

[3. Any]

- **2.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 3. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130 if : fthe person knew or reasonably should have known that his or her conduct would create a risk which:
- (a) Hs likely to result in the death or serious bodily injury of another; The person intended to initiate an emergency response by law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical care or public safety personnel when no actual emergency exists; and
- (b) [Actually] The emergency response initiated by the person results in the death or serious bodily injury of another.
- 4. A person who is convicted of a category E felony pursuant to subsection 3 is liable for any costs incurred by any governmental entity as a result of his or her conduct.
- 5. It is an affirmative defense to a violation charged pursuant to this section if it is proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant suffers from a mental illness or is intellectually disabled. A court may, if appropriate, take any action authorized by law for the purpose of having the defendant assigned to a program of treatment established pursuant to NRS 176A.250.
 - 6. As used in this section:
- (a) "Emergency" means a situation in which immediate intervention is necessary to protect the physical safety of a person or others from an immediate threat of physical injury or to protect against an immediate threat of severe property damage, or any other situation which is likely to cause a governmental entity to provide services related to law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical care or public safety.
- (b) "Governmental entity" means an institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department, division, authority or other unit of government of this State, including, without limitation, an agency of this State or of a political subdivision.
- (c) "System" means a system established to provide a telephone number to be used in an emergency.