

Nevada's laws that criminalize HIV are outdated, ineffective and discriminatory.

These laws treat HIV differently from every other communicable disease — it's the only one listed in Nevada's penal code and the only one for which activities that may risk transmission carry a felony charge for the first offense. Not only do these laws fail to prevent the spread of HIV, but they make it harder to end the epidemic by discouraging testing, treatment and disclosure.

HIV

1ST OFFENSE:

Class B felony, two years imprisonment and/or up to \$10,000 fine *

Chlamydia
COVID-19
Ebola
Gonorrhea
Hansen's Disease (leprosy)
Hepatitis A, B, C, D, E
Measles
Meningitis MRSA
Plague
Rabies
SARS
Smallpox
Syphilis
Tuberculosis
Typhoid Fever

1ST OFFENSE:

Warning from health authority

2ND OFFENSE:

Misdemeanor, up to 6 months in jail, up to \$1,000 fine ^

It's time for Nevada to modernize our HIV criminal laws, treat HIV like every other communicable disease and use proven prevention methods to end the epidemic.

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