

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Memorializes the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will make the use of illicit narcotics and/or alcohol after the first trimester of pregnancy a category B felony under the current Nevada Revised Statute 200.508(2)

WHEREAS, at present, NRS 432B.020 defines abuse or neglect of a child to be physical or mental injury of a nonaccidental nature; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have proven that children born from mothers who use narcotics and/or alcohol during pregnancy suffer from physical and/or mental injury; and

WHEREAS, at present, a large percentage of children born from mothers who have used narcotics and/or alcohol during pregnancy are suffering physical and/or mental injuries; and

WHEREAS, these injuries could negatively impact their futures; and

WHEREAS, these injuries could cause the state increased expenditures in social services; and

WHEREAS, the threat of imprisonment could scare expecting mothers so that they would alter their drug/ alcohol use during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, deeming the use of illicit narcotics and/or alcohol during pregnancy a Category B felony will reduce the number of children being born with physical and/or mental injury; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS' STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City July 1, 2011, that the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will make the use of illicit narcotics and/or alcohol after the first trimester of pregnancy a category B felony under the current Nevada Revised Statute 200.508(2).