
SENATE BILL 5086

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By Senators Haugen, Winsley and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to false reporting; amending RCW 9A.84.040; adding
2 a new section to chapter 9A.84 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.84 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of false reporting in the first degree if,
7 with knowledge that the information reported, conveyed, or circulated
8 is false, he or she initiates or circulates a false report or warning
9 of an alleged occurrence or impending occurrence of a fire, explosion,
10 crime, catastrophe, or emergency knowing that the false report creates
11 a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another
12 person or causes a governmental entity or combination of governmental
13 entities to incur expenses that exceed fifty thousand dollars.

14 (2) False reporting in the first degree is a class C felony.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.84.040 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 s 9A.84.040 are
16 each amended to read as follows:

17 (1) A person is guilty of false reporting in the second degree if,
18 with knowledge that the information reported, conveyed, or circulated

1 is false, he or she initiates or circulates a false report or warning
2 of an alleged occurrence or impending occurrence of a fire, explosion,
3 crime, catastrophe, or emergency knowing that such false report is
4 likely to cause: Evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or
5 transportation facility(~~, or to cause~~); public inconvenience or
6 alarm; or fire, police, or rescue personnel to initiate a response to
7 the false report.

8 (2) False reporting in the second degree is a gross misdemeanor.

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