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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting crimes; adding a new section to
2 chapter 35.71 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 35.71 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A corporate authority, mall organization that administers a mall,
7 or mall organization member that retains security guards to provide
8 security services for pedestrians and mall members shall require the
9 security guards to notify law enforcement if the security guards
10 observe a crime committed at the mall or if a citizen has notified the
11 security guards that a crime has occurred at the mall. Mall security
12 guards shall advise a person reporting a crime that the security guards
13 will report the incident to law enforcement. If a security guards
14 fails to report an alleged crime to law enforcement, the corporate
15 authority or mall organization shall be assessed a civil penalty of one
16 thousand dollars. The district court shall have jurisdiction over
17 alleged violations of this section.

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