
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5859

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Roach and Johnson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to coercion; and amending RCW 9A.36.070.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.070 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 s 9A.36.070 are
4 each amended to read as follows:

5 (1) A person is guilty of coercion if by use of a threat he or she
6 intentionally compels or induces a person to engage in conduct which
7 the latter has a legal right to abstain from, or to abstain from
8 conduct which he or she has a legal right to engage in.

9 (2) "Threat" as used in this section means:

10 (a) To communicate, directly or indirectly, the intent immediately
11 to use force against any person who is present at the time; or

12 (b) Threats as defined in RCW 9A.04.110(25)(a), (b), or (c).

13 (3) Coercion is a gross misdemeanor.

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