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HOUSE BILL 1552

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By Representatives Delvin, Constantine, McDonald, Murray, Bush, Scott, Lambert, Hatfield, Radcliff, Poulsen, Ballasiotes, Mastin, Mitchell, Kenney and Conway; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicular assault; and amending RCW 46.61.522.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.522 and 1996 c 199 s 8 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) A person is guilty of vehicular assault if he operates or  
6 drives any vehicle:

7 (a) In a reckless manner, and this conduct is the proximate cause  
8 of serious bodily injury to another; ~~((or))~~

9 (b) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug,  
10 as defined by RCW 46.61.502, and this conduct is the proximate cause of  
11 serious bodily injury to another; or

12 (c) With disregard for the safety of others, and this conduct is  
13 the proximate cause of serious bodily injury to another.

14 (2) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury which involves a  
15 substantial risk of death, serious permanent disfigurement, or  
16 protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part or organ of  
17 the body.

1 (3) Vehicular assault is a class B felony punishable under chapter  
2 9A.20 RCW.

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