

1 **HB 2759 - H AMD 0344 Adopted 2-19-02**

2 By Representative Simpson

3 On page 2, after line 3, insert the following:

4 (3) Biological agent- means any microorganism, virus, infectious  
5 substance, or biological product that may be engineered as a result of  
6 biotechnology, or any naturally occurring or bioengineered component of  
7 any such microorganism, virus infectious substance, biological product,  
8 or toxin or vector, capable of causing:

9 (a) Death, disease, or other biological malfunction in a human, an  
10 animal, a plant, or another microorganism; or

11 (b) Deterioration of food, water equipment, supplies, or material  
12 of any kind; or

13 (c) Deleterious alteration of the environment.

14 (4) Chemical agent- means any weapon, device, material, or  
15 substance that is designed or intended to cause widespread death or  
16 physical injury through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic  
17 or poisonous chemicals or precursors of toxic or poisonous materials.

18 (5) Radioactive material- means any material containing,  
19 emitting, or otherwise releasing radiation or radioactivity at a level  
20 dangerous to human life.

21 (6) Toxin- means the toxic material of plants, animals,  
22 microorganisms, viruses, fungi, or infectious substances, or a  
23 recombinant molecule, whether its origin or method of production,  
24 including:

25 (a) Any poisonous substance or biological product that may be  
26 engineered as a result of biotechnology produced by a living organism;  
27 or

28 (b) Any poisonous isomer or biological product, homolog, or  
29 derivative of such a substance.

30 (7) Vector- means a living organism, or molecule, including a  
31 recombinant molecule, or biological product that may be engineered as  
32 a result of biotechnology, capable of carrying a biological agent or  
33 toxin to a host.

34 (8) For the purposes of this section, explosive- has the same  
35 meaning as provided in RCW 70.74.010(3).-

**EFFECT:** Adds the definition of biological agent-, chemical agent-, radioactive material-, toxin-, and vector- to the definitions section. Adds the definition of explosive- from the state explosives act.