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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1560**

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**By** House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Lambert, Lovick, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Mulliken, Sump and Schindler)

Read first time 02/26/2001. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to restricting the use of the terms sheriff and  
2 sheriff's posse; and adding new sections to chapter 36.28 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 No person, for an illegal or wrongful purpose, and no association  
7 or organization may assume or use the designation "sheriff" or any  
8 other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign, or card  
9 intending to indicate that the person, association, or organization is  
10 a county sheriff or deputy sheriff or is associated with a county  
11 sheriff unless the person, association, or organization is in fact a  
12 county sheriff or deputy sheriff or associated with a county sheriff or  
13 unless authorized by the Washington association of sheriffs and police  
14 chiefs. This section does not apply to the Washington council of  
15 police and sheriffs or the council of metropolitan police and sheriffs.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

1 No person, for an illegal or wrongful purpose, and no group,  
2 entity, or association may use the term "sheriff's posse" or in any way  
3 represent the person, group, entity, or association as a "sheriff's  
4 posse" on any document, publication, brochure, pamphlet, sign, poster,  
5 or other written material or placard, including on a computer network  
6 web site, bulletin board, or chat room, unless the person, group,  
7 entity, or association has the signed written consent from the county  
8 sheriff to use the term or represent themselves as a sheriff's posse  
9 for a specific purpose.

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