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HOUSE BILL 1560

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By Representatives Lambert, Lovick, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Mulliken, Sump and Schindler

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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.

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

17 No person, for an illegal or wrongful purpose, and no group,  
18 entity, or association may use the term "sheriff's posse" or in any way

1 represent the person, group, entity, or association as a "sheriff's  
2 posse" on any document, publication, brochure, pamphlet, sign, poster,  
3 or other written material or placard, including on a computer network  
4 web site, bulletin board, or chat room, unless the person, group,  
5 entity, or association has the signed written consent from the county  
6 sheriff to use the term or represent themselves as a sheriff's posse  
7 for a specific purpose.

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