

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESSB 5861

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Making it a crime to impersonate a veteran of the armed forces.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Rasmussen, T. Sheldon, Finkbeiner, Kohl-Welles, Oke, Schmidt and Shin).

Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections
House Committee on State Government

Background: Impersonating a law enforcement officer is the crime of criminal impersonation in the second degree. This crime is a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both.

Summary: Criminal impersonation in the second degree includes the additional situation of falsely assuming the identity of a veteran or an active duty member of the armed forces with intent to defraud for personal gain or to facilitate any unlawful activity.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0
House 94 0 (House amended)
Senate 46 0 (Senate concurred)

Effective: July 1, 2004