
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1178

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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives McDonald, Dickerson, Rodne, Kagi, Priest, Ahern, Pearson, Campbell, McCune, Kristiansen, Moeller, Dunn, Nixon, Darneille, Shabro, Schual-Berke, Roach, Strow, O'Brien, Condotta and Holmquist)

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1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring the rights of parents to monitor the
2 communications and conversations of their minor children; amending RCW
3 9.73.080; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that parents have the
6 right and the responsibility to protect the welfare and health of their
7 minor children and that a parent therefore should not be criminally
8 liable for intercepting or recording any phone conversation of his or
9 her minor child.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.73.080 and 2000 c 195 s 3 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person, other
13 than a parent or legal guardian who is monitoring his or her own minor
14 child's telephone conversations, who violates RCW 9.73.030 is guilty of
15 a gross misdemeanor.

16 (2) Any person who knowingly alters, erases, or wrongfully

1 discloses any recording in violation of RCW 9.73.090(1)(c) is guilty of
2 a gross misdemeanor.

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