
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1236

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By House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Morrell, Miloscia, Lovick, Darneille and Lantz)

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1 AN ACT Relating to failing to summon assistance; adding new
2 sections to chapter 9A.36 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A person is guilty of the crime of failing to summon assistance if:

7 (1)(a) He or she was present when a crime was committed against
8 another person; or (b) he or she was made aware that a crime was
9 committed against another person by someone who was present when the
10 crime was committed against the other person; and

11 (2) He or she knows that the other person has suffered substantial
12 bodily harm as a result of the crime committed against the other person
13 and that the other person is in need of assistance; and

14 (3) He or she could reasonably summon assistance for the person in
15 need without danger to himself or herself and without interference with
16 an important duty owed to a third party; and

17 (4) He or she fails to summon assistance for the person in need;
18 and

1 (5) Another person is not summoning or has not summoned assistance
2 for the person in need of such assistance.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.36 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 A violation of section 1 of this act is a misdemeanor.

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