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HOUSE BILL 1283

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By Representatives Curtis, Moeller, Hinkle, Haler, Armstrong,  
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Justice & Corrections.

1            AN ACT Relating to arson; amending RCW 9A.48.020 and 9A.48.030; and  
2      prescribing penalties.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.48.020 and 1981 c 203 s 2 are each amended to read  
5      as follows:

6            (1) A person is guilty of arson in the first degree if, while  
7      manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance in  
8      violation of the uniform controlled substances act under chapter 69.50  
9      RCW or if he or she knowingly and maliciously:

10            (a) Causes a fire or explosion which is manifestly dangerous to any  
11      human life, including (~~firemen~~) fire fighters; or

12            (b) Causes a fire or explosion which damages a dwelling; or

13            (c) Causes a fire or explosion in any building in which there  
14      (~~shall be~~) is at the time a human being who is not a participant in  
15      the crime; or

16            (d) Causes a fire or explosion on property valued at ten thousand  
17      dollars or more with intent to collect insurance proceeds.

18            (2) Arson in the first degree is a class A felony.

1           **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.48.030 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 s 9A.48.030 are  
2 each amended to read as follows:

3           (1) A person is guilty of arson in the second degree if, while  
4 manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance in  
5 violation of the uniform controlled substances act under chapter 69.50  
6 RCW or if he or she knowingly and maliciously causes a fire or  
7 explosion which damages a building, or any structure or erection  
8 appurtenant to or joining any building, or any wharf, dock, machine,  
9 engine, automobile, or other motor vehicle, watercraft, aircraft,  
10 bridge, or trestle, or hay, grain, crop, or timber, whether cut or  
11 standing or any range land, or pasture land, or any fence, or any  
12 lumber, shingle, or other timber products, or any property.

13           (2) Arson in the second degree is a class B felony.

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