
**Public Safety & Emergency
Preparedness Committee**

SB 5868

Brief Description: Defining civil disorder.

Sponsors: Senators Kline, Jacobsen, Shin, Weinstein and Murray.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the definition of "civil disorder" for purposes of Civil Disorder Training to include public disturbances involving acts of violence that are intended to cause an immediate danger of, or to result in, significant injury to the property of any other individual.

Hearing Date: 2/20/08

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

A person is guilty of Civil Disorder Training (class B felony, seriousness level VII) if he or she:

- Teaches or demonstrates to any other person the use, application, or making of any device or technique capable of causing significant bodily injury or death to persons; and
- Knows, has reason to know, or intends that the device or technique will be unlawfully employed or for use in, or in furtherance of, a civil disorder.

"Civil Disorder" is defined as any public disturbance involving acts of violence that is intended to cause an immediate danger of, or to result in, significant injury to the person of any other individual.

Summary of Bill:

The definition of "civil disorder" for purposes of Civil Disorder Training is expanded to include public disturbances involving acts of violence that are intended to cause an immediate danger of, or to result in, significant injury to the property of any other individual.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.