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1 AN ACT Relating to victims of crime; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 7.69 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 7.69 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) At all criminal proceedings before a court, the presiding  
7 officer shall inquire as to the presence of the victim and/or a  
8 survivor of the victim and, whether the victim is present or not, shall  
9 read the following:

10 *"Victims of crime have rights under Washington law with the intent*  
11 *to ensure that all victims and witnesses of crime are treated with*  
12 *dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity; and that the rights of*  
13 *victims, survivors of victims, and witnesses of crime are honored and*  
14 *protected by law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges in a*  
15 *manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded criminal*  
16 *defendants. A flier with the complete list of victim rights is*  
17 *available outside this courtroom."*

1           (2) The court shall make available fliers with a complete list of  
2 victims' rights outside the courtroom.

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