
HOUSE BILL 2277

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1 AN ACT Relating to peace officers; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 4.24 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 4.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) No peace officer acting reasonably, considering the totality
7 of the incident from the perspective of a reasonable officer, in the
8 course of his or her duties may be held civilly or criminally liable
9 nor shall the city, county, state, or agency employing the officer.
10 This immunity includes, but is not limited to, the use of a less
11 lethal weapon.

12 (2) For the purposes of this section, "less lethal weapon" means
13 any device that is designed to or that has been converted to expel or
14 propel less lethal ammunition by any action, mechanism, or process
15 for the purpose of incapacitating, immobilizing, or stunning a human
16 being through the infliction of any less than lethal impairment of
17 physical condition, function, or senses, including physical pain or
18 discomfort. It is not necessary that a weapon leave any lasting or

1 permanent incapacitation, discomfort, pain, or other injury or
2 disability in order to qualify as a less lethal weapon.

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