
SENATE BILL 5956

State of Washington **64th Legislature** **2015 Regular Session**

By Senators Lias, Billig, and Pedersen

Read first time 02/13/15. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting defenses based on victim identity;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 9A.16 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 9A.16
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 It is not a defense if a crime resulted from the discovery of,
7 knowledge about, or potential disclosure of a victim's actual or
8 perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual
9 orientation, including under circumstances in which the victim made
10 an unwanted nonforcible romantic or sexual advance towards the
11 defendant, or if the defendant and victim dated or had a romantic
12 sexual relationship.

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