
SENATE BILL 5059

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By Senators McCune, Holy, and Wagoner

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting state and federal monuments,
2 memorials, and statues from damage intentionally inflicted during the
3 course of unpeaceful demonstrations or riots; amending RCW 9A.48.110;
4 and prescribing penalties.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.48.110 and 1995 c 66 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) A person is guilty of defacing a ((state)) public monument if
9 he or she knowingly defaces a statue, monument, or memorial on the
10 state capitol campus, or other ((state)) property owned by a public
11 body.

12 (2) For purposes of this section, "public body" means the federal
13 government and the state of Washington, its agencies, institutions,
14 political subdivisions, and municipal and quasi-municipal
15 corporations now or hereafter existing under the laws of the state of
16 Washington.

17 (3) Defacing a ((state)) public monument is a ((misdemeanor))
18 class C felony.

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