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HOUSE BILL 1537

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1            AN ACT Relating to making a false or misleading material statement  
2 that results in an Amber alert; adding a new section to chapter 9A.76  
3 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.76 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading material  
8 statement to a public servant that a child has been abducted and which  
9 statement causes the activation of the voluntary broadcast notification  
10 system commonly known as the "Amber alert," or as the same system may  
11 otherwise be known, which is used to notify the public of abducted  
12 children, is guilty of a class C felony.

13            (2) "Material statement" means a written or oral statement  
14 reasonably likely to be relied upon by a public servant in the  
15 discharge of his or her official powers or duties.

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