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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting deferred prosecution in domestic
2 violence cases; amending RCW 10.05.010, 10.05.020, and 10.05.030; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.05.010 and 2002 c 219 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) In a court of limited jurisdiction a person charged with a
8 misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor may petition the court to be
9 considered for a deferred prosecution program. The petition shall be
10 filed with the court at least seven days before the date set for trial
11 but, upon a written motion and affidavit establishing good cause for
12 the delay and failure to comply with this section, the court may waive
13 this requirement subject to the defendant's reimbursement to the court
14 of the witness fees and expenses due for subpoenaed witnesses who have
15 appeared on the date set for trial.

16 (2) A person charged with a traffic infraction, misdemeanor, or
17 gross misdemeanor under Title 46 RCW shall not be eligible for a
18 deferred prosecution program unless the court makes specific findings
19 pursuant to RCW 10.05.020. Such person shall not be eligible for a

1 deferred prosecution program more than once. Separate offenses
2 committed more than seven days apart may not be consolidated in a
3 single program.

4 (3) A person charged with a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor that
5 would be considered domestic violence under RCW 10.99.020 or with a
6 misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor under chapter 9A.42 RCW shall not be
7 eligible for a deferred prosecution program unless the court makes
8 specific findings pursuant to RCW 10.05.020. Such person shall not be
9 eligible for a deferred prosecution program more than once.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 10.05.020 and 2002 c 219 s 7 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) or (3) of this section,
13 the petitioner shall allege under oath in the petition that the
14 wrongful conduct charged is the result of or caused by alcoholism, drug
15 addiction, or mental problems for which the person is in need of
16 treatment and unless treated the probability of future recurrence is
17 great, along with a statement that the person agrees to pay the cost of
18 a diagnosis and treatment of the alleged problem or problems if
19 financially able to do so. The petition shall also contain a case
20 history and written assessment prepared by an approved alcoholism
21 treatment program as designated in chapter 70.96A RCW if the petition
22 alleges alcoholism, an approved drug program as designated in chapter
23 71.24 RCW if the petition alleges drug addiction, or by an approved
24 mental health center if the petition alleges a mental problem.

25 (2) In the case of a petitioner charged with a misdemeanor or gross
26 misdemeanor under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the petitioner shall allege under
27 oath in the petition that the petitioner is the natural or adoptive
28 parent of the alleged victim; that the wrongful conduct charged is the
29 result of parenting problems for which the petitioner is in need of
30 services; that the petitioner is in need of child welfare services
31 under chapter 74.13 RCW to improve his or her parenting skills in order
32 to better provide his or her child or children with the basic
33 necessities of life; that the petitioner wants to correct his or her
34 conduct to reduce the likelihood of harm to his or her minor children;
35 that in the absence of child welfare services the petitioner may be
36 unable to reduce the likelihood of harm to his or her minor children;
37 and that the petitioner has cooperated with the department of social

1 and health services to develop a plan to receive appropriate child
2 welfare services; along with a statement that the person agrees to pay
3 the cost of the services if he or she is financially able to do so.
4 The petition shall also contain a case history and a written service
5 plan from the department of social and health services.

6 (3) In the case of a petitioner charged with a misdemeanor or gross
7 misdemeanor that would be considered domestic violence under RCW
8 10.99.020, the petitioner shall allege under oath in the petition that
9 the petitioner is the family or household member of the alleged victim;
10 that the petitioner is in need of domestic violence perpetrator
11 treatment under chapter 26.50 RCW; that the petitioner wants to correct
12 his or her conduct to reduce the likelihood of harm to his or her
13 family or household members; and that unless treated, the probability
14 of future recurrence is great. The petition shall contain a statement
15 that the petitioner agrees to pay the cost of diagnosis and treatment
16 if the petitioner is financially able. The petition shall also contain
17 a case history and written assessment prepared by an approved domestic
18 violence perpetrator treatment program provider under chapter 26.50
19 RCW.

20 (4) Before entry of an order deferring prosecution, a petitioner
21 shall be advised of his or her rights as an accused and execute, as a
22 condition of receiving treatment, a statement that contains: (a) An
23 acknowledgment of his or her rights; (b) an acknowledgment and waiver
24 of the right to testify, the right to a speedy trial, the right to call
25 witnesses to testify, the right to present evidence in his or her
26 defense, and the right to a jury trial; (c) a stipulation to the
27 admissibility and sufficiency of the facts contained in the written
28 police report; and (d) an acknowledgment that the statement will be
29 entered and used to support a finding of guilty if the court finds
30 cause to revoke the order granting deferred prosecution. The
31 petitioner shall also be advised that he or she may, if he or she
32 proceeds to trial and is found guilty, be allowed to seek suspension of
33 some or all of the fines and incarceration that may be ordered upon the
34 condition that he or she seek treatment and, further, that he or she
35 may seek treatment from public and private agencies at any time without
36 regard to whether or not he or she is found guilty of the offense
37 charged. He or she shall also be advised that the court will not
38 accept a petition for deferred prosecution from a person who sincerely

1 believes that he or she is innocent of the charges or sincerely
2 believes that he or she does not, in fact, suffer from alcoholism, drug
3 addiction, or mental problems, or is in need of domestic violence
4 perpetrator treatment, or in the case of a petitioner charged under
5 chapter 9A.42 RCW, sincerely believes that he or she does not need
6 child welfare services.

7 ((+4)) (5) Before entering an order deferring prosecution, the
8 court shall make specific findings that: (a) The petitioner has
9 stipulated to the admissibility and sufficiency of the facts as
10 contained in the written police report; (b) the petitioner has
11 acknowledged the admissibility of the stipulated facts in any criminal
12 hearing on the underlying offense or offenses held subsequent to
13 revocation of the order granting deferred prosecution; (c) the
14 petitioner has acknowledged and waived the right to testify, the right
15 to a speedy trial, the right to call witnesses to testify, the right to
16 present evidence in his or her defense, and the right to a jury trial;
17 and (d) the petitioner's statements were made knowingly and
18 voluntarily. Such findings shall be included in the order granting
19 deferred prosecution.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 10.05.030 and 2002 c 219 s 8 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The arraigning judge upon consideration of the petition and with
23 the concurrence of the prosecuting attorney may continue the
24 arraignment and refer such person for a diagnostic investigation and
25 evaluation to an approved alcoholism treatment program as designated in
26 chapter 70.96A RCW, if the petition alleges an alcohol problem, an
27 approved drug treatment center as designated in chapter 71.24 RCW, if
28 the petition alleges a drug problem, to an approved mental health
29 center, if the petition alleges a mental problem, ((~~or~~)) the department
30 of social and health services if the petition is brought under RCW
31 10.05.020(2), or to an approved domestic violence perpetrator treatment
32 program provider under chapter 26.50 RCW, if the petition alleges
33 problems with domestic violence.

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