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HOUSE BILL 2178

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By Representatives Campbell, Smith, Robertson, Sterk, Sheahan, Hickel, McMahan, Pennington, Schoesler, Sheldon, Chappell, Carrell, Delvin, Huff, Quall, Morris, Mitchell, Thompson, Stevens and Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to disarming a law enforcement officer; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 9A.76 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A person is guilty of disarming a law  
5 enforcement officer if the person knowingly removes a firearm or weapon  
6 from the person of a law enforcement officer or corrections officer or  
7 deprives a law enforcement officer or corrections officer of the use of  
8 a firearm or weapon, when the officer is acting within the scope of the  
9 officer's duties, does not consent to the removal, and the person has  
10 reasonable cause to know or knows that the individual is a law  
11 enforcement officer.

12 (2) Disarming a law enforcement officer is a class C felony unless  
13 the firearm involved is discharged when the person removes the firearm,  
14 in which case the offense is a class B felony.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A person who commits another crime during  
16 the commission of the crime of disarming a law enforcement officer may  
17 be punished for the other crime as well as for disarming a law  
18 enforcement officer and may be prosecuted separately for each crime.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    Sections 1 and 2 of this act do not apply  
2 when the law enforcement officer or corrections officer is engaged in  
3 felonious conduct.

4        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    Sections 1 through 3 of this act are added  
5 to chapter 9A.76 RCW.

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