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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Quall, Morris, Dellwo, D. Sommers, Costa and Thompson; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to classification of felonies; amending RCW
2 9.92.010; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; and prescribing
3 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 9.94A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 For a felony defined by a statute of this state that is not in
8 Title 9A RCW, unless otherwise provided:

9 (1) If the maximum sentence of imprisonment authorized by law upon
10 a first conviction of such felony is twenty years or more, such felony
11 shall be treated as a class A felony for purposes of this chapter;

12 (2) If the maximum sentence of imprisonment authorized by law upon
13 a first conviction of such felony is eight years or more, but less than
14 twenty years, such felony shall be treated as a class B felony for
15 purposes of this chapter;

16 (3) If the maximum sentence of imprisonment authorized by law upon
17 a first conviction of such felony is less than eight years, such felony
18 shall be treated as a class C felony for purposes of this chapter.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.92.010 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 47 s 5 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 Every person convicted of a felony for which no maximum punishment
4 is specially prescribed by any statutory provision in force at the time
5 of conviction and sentence, shall be punished by confinement or fine
6 which shall not exceed confinement in a state correctional institution
7 for a term of ten years, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court
8 of not more than twenty thousand dollars, or by both such confinement
9 and fine and the offense shall be classified as a class B felony.

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