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By Representatives Dickerson, Appelwick, Chappell, Hatfield, Conway, Scheuerman, Regala, Cody, Jacobsen, Mason, Costa, Patterson, Brown, Chopp and Cole

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to corporate endangerment; adding a new section to
- 2 chapter 9A.36 RCW; and prescribing penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.36 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) A person is guilty of the crime of corporate endangerment if,
- 7 while acting as a high managerial agent, he or she recklessly approves
- 8 an action of the corporation that endangers public health or safety by
- 9 creating a substantial risk of death or substantial bodily harm to a
- 10 person, and substantial bodily harm or death results from the
- 11 corporation's action.
- 12 (2) The crime of corporate endangerment is a class C felony.

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