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SENATE BILL 6252

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By Senators Smith, Kohl and Long; 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 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 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;
- (2) If the maximum sentence of imprisonment authorized by law upon a first conviction of such felony is eight years or more, but less than twenty years, such felony shall be treated as a class B felony for 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.

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

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

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