

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2389

Chapter 44, Laws of 1996

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1996 Regular Session

CLASSIFYING UNCLASSIFIED FELONIES

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Passed by the House February 6, 1996
Yeas 96 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 28, 1996
Yeas 49 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

Approved March 13, 1996

MIKE LOWRY
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2389** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 01/10/96. Referred to Committee on Corrections.

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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