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By Senators Fairley and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to powers of district and municipal court judges;
2 and amending RCW 3.46.030, 3.50.020, 3.66.060, and 35.20.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.46.030 and 1985 c 303 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A municipal department shall have exclusive jurisdiction of matters
7 arising from ordinances of the city, and no jurisdiction of other
8 matters except as conferred by statute.

9 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral of a
10 sentence imposed by a municipal department prohibiting an offender from
11 being present or remaining within a designated antiprostitution
12 emphasis area may specify antiprostitution emphasis areas anywhere
13 within a county that contains a portion of the city and may be enforced
14 by any law enforcement officer.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.50.020 and 1985 c 303 s 14 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The municipal court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over
18 traffic infractions arising under city ordinances and exclusive

1 original criminal jurisdiction of all violations of city ordinances
2 duly adopted by the city in which the municipal court is located and
3 shall have original jurisdiction of all other actions brought to
4 enforce or recover license penalties or forfeitures declared or given
5 by such ordinances or by state statutes. The municipal court shall
6 also have the jurisdiction as conferred by statute. The municipal
7 court is empowered to forfeit cash bail or bail bonds and issue
8 execution thereon; and in general to hear and determine all causes,
9 civil or criminal, including traffic infractions, arising under such
10 ordinances and to pronounce judgment in accordance therewith.

11 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral of a
12 sentence imposed by a municipal court prohibiting an offender from
13 being present or remaining within a designated antiprostitution
14 emphasis area may specify antiprostitution emphasis areas anywhere
15 within a county that contains a portion of the city and may be enforced
16 by any law enforcement officer.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 3.66.060 and 1984 c 258 s 44 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 The district court shall have jurisdiction: (1) Concurrent with
20 the superior court of all misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors committed
21 in their respective counties and of all violations of city ordinances.
22 It shall in no event impose a greater punishment than a fine of five
23 thousand dollars, or imprisonment for one year in the county or city
24 jail as the case may be, or both such fine and imprisonment, unless
25 otherwise expressly provided by statute. It may suspend and revoke
26 vehicle operators' licenses in the cases provided by law; (2) to sit as
27 a committing magistrate and conduct preliminary hearings in cases
28 provided by law; (3) concurrent with the superior court of a proceeding
29 to keep the peace in their respective counties; (4) concurrent with the
30 superior court of all violations under Title 75 RCW; and (5) to hear
31 and determine traffic infractions under chapter 46.63 RCW.

32 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral of a
33 sentence imposed by a district court prohibiting an offender from being
34 present or remaining within a designated antiprostitution emphasis area
35 may specify antiprostitution emphasis areas anywhere within the county
36 and may be enforced by any law enforcement officer.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.20.030 and 1993 c 83 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The municipal court shall have jurisdiction to try violations of
4 all city ordinances and all other actions brought to enforce or recover
5 license penalties or forfeitures declared or given by any such
6 ordinances. It is empowered to forfeit cash bail or bail bonds and
7 issue execution thereon, to hear and determine all causes, civil or
8 criminal, arising under such ordinances, and to pronounce judgment in
9 accordance therewith: PROVIDED, That for a violation of the criminal
10 provisions of an ordinance no greater punishment shall be imposed than
11 a fine of five thousand dollars or imprisonment in the city jail not to
12 exceed one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, but the punishment
13 for any criminal ordinance shall be the same as the punishment provided
14 in state law for the same crime. All civil and criminal proceedings in
15 municipal court, and judgments rendered therein, shall be subject to
16 review in the superior court by writ of review or on appeal: PROVIDED,
17 That an appeal from the court's determination or order in a traffic
18 infraction proceeding may be taken only in accordance with RCW
19 46.63.090(5). Costs in civil and criminal cases may be taxed as
20 provided in district courts.

21 Conditions of release or conditions of suspension or deferral of a
22 sentence imposed by a municipal court prohibiting an offender from
23 being present or remaining within a designated antiprostitution
24 emphasis area may specify antiprostitution emphasis areas anywhere
25 within a county that contains a portion of the city and may be enforced
26 by any law enforcement officer.

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