

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1564

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Yeas 94 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 6, 2001
Yeas 46 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1564** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Casada, Lantz, Carrell, Hurst, Esser and O'Brien

Read first time 01/30/2001. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to obstructing governmental operations; reenacting
2 RCW 9A.76.175 and 9A.76.020; creating a new section; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to respond to
6 *State v. Thomas*, 103 Wn. App. 800, by reenacting, without changes, the
7 law prohibiting materially false or misleading statements to public
8 servants, enacted as sections 32 and 33, chapter 285, Laws of 1995.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.76.175 and 1995 c 285 s 32 are each reenacted to
10 read as follows:

11 A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading material
12 statement to a public servant is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
13 "Material statement" means a written or oral statement reasonably
14 likely to be relied upon by a public servant in the discharge of his or
15 her official powers or duties.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9A.76.020 and 1995 c 285 s 33 are each reenacted to
17 read as follows:

1 (1) A person is guilty of obstructing a law enforcement officer if
2 the person willfully hinders, delays, or obstructs any law enforcement
3 officer in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties.

4 (2) "Law enforcement officer" means any general authority, limited
5 authority, or specially commissioned Washington peace officer or
6 federal peace officer as those terms are defined in RCW 10.93.020, and
7 other public officers who are responsible for enforcement of fire,
8 building, zoning, and life and safety codes.

9 (3) Obstructing a law enforcement officer is a gross misdemeanor.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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