
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6422

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Costa and McCaslin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to crimes involving property of another person;
2 amending RCW 9A.48.010; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.48.010 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 38 s 6 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) For the purpose of this chapter, ~~((as now or hereinafter~~
7 ~~amended,))~~ unless the context indicates otherwise:

8 (a) "Building" has the definition in RCW 9A.04.110(5), and where a
9 building consists of two or more units separately secured or occupied,
10 each unit shall not be treated as a separate building;

11 (b) "Damages", in addition to its ordinary meaning, includes any
12 charring, scorching, burning, or breaking, or agricultural or
13 industrial sabotage, and shall include any diminution in the value of
14 any property as a consequence of an act;

15 (c) "Property of another" means property in which the actor
16 possesses anything less than exclusive ownership.

17 (2) To constitute arson it ~~((shall))~~ is not ~~((be))~~ necessary that
18 a person other than the actor ~~((should have had))~~ has ownership in the
19 building or structure damaged or set on fire.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

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