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By Senators Costa, Long, Poulsen and Kastama

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1 AN ACT Relating to extortion in the second degree; amending RCW
2 9A.56.130; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to revise the crime
5 of extortion in the second degree in response to the holding in *State*
6 *v. Molotov* (Docket #46492-2-1, September 17, 2001) by adding a
7 requirement that the threat required for conviction of the offense be
8 wrongful.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.56.130 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 s 9A.56.130 are
10 each amended to read as follows:

11 (1) A person is guilty of extortion in the second degree if he or
12 she commits extortion by wrongful means of a threat as defined in RCW
13 9A.04.110(25) (d) through (j).

14 (2) In any prosecution under this section based on a threat to
15 accuse any person of a crime or cause criminal charges to be instituted
16 against any person, it is a defense that the actor reasonably believed
17 the threatened criminal charge to be true and that his or her sole
18 purpose was to compel or induce the person threatened to take

1 reasonable action to make good the wrong which was the subject of such
2 threatened criminal charge.
3 (3) Extortion in the second degree is a class C felony.

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