

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6422**

Chapter 32, Laws of 2002

57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY--PROPERTY OF ANOTHER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/12/02

Passed by the Senate February 13, 2002  
YEAS 49 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 5, 2002  
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6422** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

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**Secretary**

Approved March 12, 2002

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GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/2002.

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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