

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5453

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AMBER ALERT--RADIO, TELEVISION IMMUNITY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/05

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2005
YEAS 46 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 5, 2005
YEAS 95 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 21, 2005.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5453** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Delvin, Shin, Kline and Brandland

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1 AN ACT Relating to civil immunity of radio and television
2 broadcasting organizations participating in the Amber alert system; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 No cause of action shall be maintained for civil damages in any
8 court of this state against any radio or television broadcasting
9 station or cable television system, or the employees, officers,
10 directors, managers, or agents of the radio or television broadcasting
11 station or cable television system, based on the broadcast of
12 information including, but not limited to, the name or description of
13 an abducted child, the name or description of a suspected abductor, and
14 the circumstances of an abduction supplied by law enforcement officials
15 pursuant to the voluntary broadcast notification system commonly known
16 as the "Amber alert," or as the same system may otherwise be known in
17 this state, which is used to notify the public of missing or abducted
18 children. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or

1 restrict in any way any immunity or privilege a radio or television
2 broadcasting station or cable television system may have under statute
3 or common law for broadcasting or otherwise disseminating information.

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