CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5453

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AMBER ALERT--RADIO, TELEVISION IMMUNITY

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BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 5, 2005
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FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Approved April 21, 2005.

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to civil immunity of radio and television broadcasting organizations participating in the Amber alert system; and adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

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

No cause of action shall be maintained for civil damages in any court of this state against any radio or television broadcasting station or cable television system, or the employees, officers, directors, managers, or agents of the radio or television broadcasting station or cable television system, based on the broadcast of information including, but not limited to, the name or description of an abducted child, the name or description of a suspected abductor, and the circumstances of an abduction supplied by law enforcement officials pursuant to the voluntary broadcast notification system commonly known as the "Amber alert," or as the same system may otherwise be known in this state, which is used to notify the public of missing or abducted children. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or
restrict in any way any immunity or privilege a radio or television
broadcasting station or cable television system may have under statute
or common law for broadcasting or otherwise disseminating information.

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