CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

## HOUSE BILL 1961

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ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE-SERIOUSNESS LEVEL

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2024

Passed by the House January 29, 2024 Yeas 95 Nays 1

LAURIE JINKINS

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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## CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1961** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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**By** Representatives Low, Walen, Leavitt, Eslick, Sandlin, Paul, Couture, Ramel, Ramos, Bateman, Graham, Cheney, Riccelli, Pollet, and Shavers

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal cruelty in the first degree; and 2 reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515.

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

4	Sec. 1. RCW 9.94A	.515 and 2023 c 196 s 3 and 2023 c 7 s 3 are
5	each reenacted and amen	ded to read as follows:
6		TABLE 2
7		CRIMES INCLUDED WITHIN EACH
8		SERIOUSNESS LEVEL
9	XVI	Aggravated Murder 1 (RCW 10.95.020)
10	XV	Homicide by abuse (RCW 9A.32.055)
11		Malicious explosion 1 (RCW
12		70.74.280(1))
13		Murder 1 (RCW 9A.32.030)
14	XIV	Murder 2 (RCW 9A.32.050)
15		Trafficking 1 (RCW 9A.40.100(1))
16	XIII	Malicious explosion 2 (RCW
17		70.74.280(2))

1 2		Malicious placement of an explosive 1 (RCW 70.74.270(1))
3	XII	Assault 1 (RCW 9A.36.011)
4		Assault of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.36.120)
5		Malicious placement of an imitation
6		device 1 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(a))
7		Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of
8		a Minor (RCW 9.68A.101)
9		Rape 1 (RCW 9A.44.040)
10		Rape of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.44.073)
11		Trafficking 2 (RCW 9A.40.100(3))
12	XI	Manslaughter 1 (RCW 9A.32.060)
13		Rape 2 (RCW 9A.44.050)
14		Rape of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.44.076)
15		Vehicular Homicide, by being under the
16		influence of intoxicating liquor or
17		any drug (RCW 46.61.520)
18		Vehicular Homicide, by the operation of
19 20		any vehicle in a reckless manner (RCW 46.61.520)
21	Х	Child Molestation 1 (RCW 9A.44.083)
22	Α	Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW
23		9A.42.020)
24		Indecent Liberties (with forcible
25		compulsion) (RCW
26		9A.44.100(1)(a))
27		Kidnapping 1 (RCW 9A.40.020)
28		Leading Organized Crime (RCW
29		9A.82.060(1)(a))
30		Malicious explosion 3 (RCW
31		70.74.280(3))
32		Sexually Violent Predator Escape (RCW
33		9A.76.115)
34	IX	Abandonment of Dependent Person 1
35		(RCW 9A.42.060)

1		Assault of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.36.130)
2		Explosive devices prohibited (RCW
3		70.74.180)
4		Hit and Run—Death (RCW
5		46.52.020(4)(a))
6		Homicide by Watercraft, by being under
7		the influence of intoxicating liquor
8		or any drug (RCW 79A.60.050)
9		Inciting Criminal Profiteering (RCW
10		9A.82.060(1)(b))
11		Malicious placement of an explosive 2
12		(RCW 70.74.270(2))
13		Robbery 1 (RCW 9A.56.200)
14		Sexual Exploitation (RCW 9.68A.040)
15	VIII	Arson 1 (RCW 9A.48.020)
16		Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor
17		(RCW 9.68A.100)
18		Homicide by Watercraft, by the
19		operation of any vessel in a reckless
20		manner (RCW 79A.60.050)
21		Manslaughter 2 (RCW 9A.32.070)
22		Promoting Prostitution 1 (RCW
23		9A.88.070)
24		Theft of Ammonia (RCW 69.55.010)
25	VII	Air bag diagnostic systems (causing
26		bodily injury or death) (RCW
		5 5 5 7 (
27		46.37.660(2)(b))
27 28		
28 29		46.37.660(2)(b))
28		46.37.660(2)(b)) Air bag replacement requirements
28 29		46.37.660(2)(b)) Air bag replacement requirements (causing bodily injury or death)
28 29 30		46.37.660(2)(b)) Air bag replacement requirements (causing bodily injury or death) (RCW 46.37.660(1)(b))
28 29 30 31		46.37.660(2)(b)) Air bag replacement requirements (causing bodily injury or death) (RCW 46.37.660(1)(b)) Burglary 1 (RCW 9A.52.020)

1	Custodial Sexual Misconduct 1 (RCW
2	9A.44.160)
3	Dealing in depictions of minor engaged
4	in sexually explicit conduct 1
5	(RCW 9.68A.050(1))
6	Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.36.045)
7	False Reporting 1 (RCW
8	9A.84.040(2)(a))
9	Homicide by Watercraft, by disregard
10	for the safety of others (RCW
11	79A.60.050)
12	Indecent Liberties (without forcible
13	compulsion) (RCW 9A.44.100(1)
14	(b) and (c))
15	Introducing Contraband 1 (RCW
16	9A.76.140)
17	Malicious placement of an explosive 3
18	(RCW 70.74.270(3))
19	Manufacture or import counterfeit,
20	nonfunctional, damaged, or
21	previously deployed air bag
22	(causing bodily injury or death)
23	(RCW 46.37.650(1)(b))
24	Negligently Causing Death By Use of a
25	Signal Preemption Device (RCW
26	46.37.675)
27	Sell, install, or reinstall counterfeit,
28	nonfunctional, damaged, or
29	previously deployed airbag (RCW
30	46.37.650(2)(b))
31	Sending, bringing into state depictions
32	of minor engaged in sexually
33	explicit conduct 1 (RCW
34	9.68A.060(1))
35	Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the
36	first degree (RCW 9.41.040(1))

1		Use of a Machine Gun or Bump-fire
2		Stock in Commission of a Felony
3		(RCW 9.41.225)
4		Vehicular Homicide, by disregard for
5		the safety of others (RCW
6		46.61.520)
7	VI	Bail Jumping with Murder 1 (RCW
8		9A.76.170(3)(a))
9		Bribery (RCW 9A.68.010)
10		Incest 1 (RCW 9A.64.020(1))
11		Intimidating a Judge (RCW 9A.72.160)
12		Intimidating a Juror/Witness (RCW
13		9A.72.110, 9A.72.130)
14		Malicious placement of an imitation
15		device 2 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(b))
16		Possession of Depictions of a Minor
17		Engaged in Sexually Explicit
18		Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.070(1))
19		Rape of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.44.079)
20		Theft of a Firearm (RCW 9A.56.300)
21		Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 1 (RCW
22		9A.56.400(1))
23		Unlawful Storage of Ammonia (RCW
24		69.55.020)
25	V	Abandonment of Dependent Person 2
26		(RCW 9A.42.070)
27		Advancing money or property for
28		extortionate extension of credit
29		(RCW 9A.82.030)
30		Air bag diagnostic systems (RCW
31		46.37.660(2)(c))
32		Air bag replacement requirements
33		(RCW 46.37.660(1)(c))
34		Bail Jumping with class A Felony
35		(RCW 9A.76.170(3)(b))

1	Child Molestation 3 (RCW 9A.44.089)
2	Criminal Mistreatment 2 (RCW
3	9A.42.030)
4	Custodial Sexual Misconduct 2 (RCW
5	9A.44.170)
6	Dealing in Depictions of Minor
7	Engaged in Sexually Explicit
8	Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.050(2))
9	Domestic Violence Court Order
10	Violation (RCW 7.105.450,
11	10.99.040, 10.99.050, 26.09.300,
12	26.26B.050, or 26.52.070)
13	Extortion 1 (RCW 9A.56.120)
14	Extortionate Extension of Credit (RCW
15	9A.82.020)
16	Extortionate Means to Collect
17	Extensions of Credit (RCW
18	9A.82.040)
19	Incest 2 (RCW 9A.64.020(2))
20	Kidnapping 2 (RCW 9A.40.030)
21	Manufacture or import counterfeit,
22	nonfunctional, damaged, or
22 23	nonfunctional, damaged, or previously deployed air bag (RCW
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23	previously deployed air bag (RCW
23 24	previously deployed air bag (RCW 46.37.650(1)(c))
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1	Sending, Bringing into State Depictions
2	of Minor Engaged in Sexually
3	Explicit Conduct 2 (RCW
4	9.68A.060(2))
5	Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1
6	(RCW 9A.44.093)
7	Sexually Violating Human Remains
8	(RCW 9A.44.105)
9	Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110)
10	Taking Motor Vehicle Without
11	Permission 1 (RCW 9A.56.070)
12	IV Arson 2 (RCW 9A.48.030)
13	Assault 2 (RCW 9A.36.021)
14	Assault 3 (of a Peace Officer with a
15	Projectile Stun Gun) (RCW
16	9A.36.031(1)(h))
17	Assault 4 (third domestic violence
18	offense) (RCW 9A.36.041(3))
19	Assault by Watercraft (RCW
20	79A.60.060)
21	Bribing a Witness/Bribe Received by
22	Witness (RCW 9A.72.090,
23	9A.72.100)
24	Cheating 1 (RCW 9.46.1961)
25	Commercial Bribery (RCW 9A.68.060)
26	Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(4))
27	Driving While Under the Influence
28	(RCW 46.61.502(6))
29	Endangerment with a Controlled
30	Substance (RCW 9A.42.100)
31	Escape 1 (RCW 9A.76.110)
32	Hate Crime (RCW 9A.36.080)
33	Hit and Run—Injury (RCW
34	46.52.020(4)(b))

1	Hit and Run with Vessel—Injury
2	Accident (RCW 79A.60.200(3))
3	Identity Theft 1 (RCW 9.35.020(2))
4	Indecent Exposure to Person Under Age
5	14 (subsequent sex offense) (RCW
6	9A.88.010)
7	Influencing Outcome of Sporting Event
8	(RCW 9A.82.070)
9	Physical Control of a Vehicle While
10	Under the Influence (RCW
11	46.61.504(6))
12	Possession of Depictions of a Minor
13	Engaged in Sexually Explicit
14	Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.070(2))
15	Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025)
16	Robbery 2 (RCW 9A.56.210)
17	Theft of Livestock 1 (RCW 9A.56.080)
18	Threats to Bomb (RCW 9.61.160)
19	Trafficking in Stolen Property 1 (RCW
20	9A.82.050)
21	Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
22	payment card transaction (RCW
23	9A.56.290(4)(b))
24	Unlawful transaction of health coverage
25	as a health care service contractor
26	(RCW 48.44.016(3))
27	Unlawful transaction of health coverage
28	as a health maintenance
29	organization (RCW 48.46.033(3))
30	Unlawful transaction of insurance
31	business (RCW 48.15.023(3))
32	Unlicensed practice as an insurance
33	professional (RCW 48.17.063(2))
34	Use of Proceeds of Criminal
35	Profiteering (RCW 9A.82.080 (1)
36	and (2))

1		Vehicle Prowling 2 (third or subsequent
2		offense) (RCW 9A.52.100(3))
3		Vehicular Assault, by being under the
4		influence of intoxicating liquor or
5		any drug, or by the operation or
6		driving of a vehicle in a reckless
7		manner (RCW 46.61.522)
8		Viewing of Depictions of a Minor
9		Engaged in Sexually Explicit
10		Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.075(1))
11	III	Animal Cruelty 1 (( <del>(Sexual Conduct or</del>
12		Contact))) (RCW 16.52.205(((3))))
13		Assault 3 (Except Assault 3 of a Peace
14		Officer With a Projectile Stun Gun)
15		(RCW 9A.36.031 except subsection
16		(1)(h))
17		Assault of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.36.140)
18		Bail Jumping with class B or C Felony
19		(RCW 9A.76.170(3)(c))
20		Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030)
21		Communication with a Minor for
22		Immoral Purposes (RCW
23		9.68A.090)
24		Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW
25		9A.46.120)
26		Custodial Assault (RCW 9A.36.100)
27		Cyber Harassment (RCW
28		9A.90.120(2)(b))
29		Escape 2 (RCW 9A.76.120)
30		Extortion 2 (RCW 9A.56.130)
31		False Reporting 2 (RCW
32		9A.84.040(2)(b))
33		Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020)
34		Hazing (RCW 28B.10.901(2)(b))
35		Intimidating a Public Servant (RCW
36		9A.76.180)

1	Introducing Contraband 2 (RCW
2	9A.76.150)
3	Malicious Injury to Railroad Property
4	(RCW 81.60.070)
5	Manufacture of Untraceable Firearm
6	with Intent to Sell (RCW 9.41.190)
7	Manufacture or Assembly of an
8	Undetectable Firearm or
9	Untraceable Firearm (RCW
10	9.41.325)
11	Mortgage Fraud (RCW 19.144.080)
12	Negligently Causing Substantial Bodily
13	Harm By Use of a Signal
14	Preemption Device (RCW
15	46.37.674)
16	Organized Retail Theft 1 (RCW
17	9A.56.350(2))
18	Perjury 2 (RCW 9A.72.030)
19	Possession of Incendiary Device (RCW
20	9.40.120)
21	Possession of Machine Gun, Bump-Fire
22	Stock, Undetectable Firearm, or
23	Short-Barreled Shotgun or Rifle
24	(RCW 9.41.190)
25	Promoting Prostitution 2 (RCW
26	9A.88.080)
27	Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
28	1 (RCW 9A.56.360(2))
29	Securities Act violation (RCW
30	21.20.400)
31	Tampering with a Witness (RCW
32	9A.72.120)
33	Telephone Harassment (subsequent
34	conviction or threat of death) (RCW
35	9.61.230(2))
36	Theft of Livestock 2 (RCW 9A.56.083)

1	Theft with the Intent to Resell 1 (RCW
2	9A.56.340(2))
3	Trafficking in Stolen Property 2 (RCW
4	9A.82.055)
5	Unlawful Hunting of Big Game 1 (RCW
6	77.15.410(3)(b))
7	Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW
8	9A.40.040)
9	Unlawful Misbranding of Fish or
10	Shellfish 1 (RCW 77.140.060(3))
11	Unlawful possession of firearm in the
12	second degree (RCW 9.41.040(2))
13	Unlawful Taking of Endangered Fish or
14	Wildlife 1 (RCW 77.15.120(3)(b))
15	Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
16	or Wildlife 1 (RCW
17	77.15.260(3)(b))
18	Unlawful Use of a Nondesignated
19	Vessel (RCW 77.15.530(4))
20	Vehicular Assault, by the operation or
21	driving of a vehicle with disregard
22 23	for the safety of others (RCW 46.61.522)
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24 II 25	Commercial Fishing Without a License 1 (RCW 77.15.500(3)(b))
26	Computer Trespass 1 (RCW 9A.90.040)
27	Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(3))
28	Electronic Data Service Interference
29	(RCW 9A.90.060)
30	Electronic Data Tampering 1 (RCW
31	9A.90.080)
32	Electronic Data Theft (RCW 9A.90.100)
33	Engaging in Fish Dealing Activity
34	Unlicensed 1 (RCW 77.15.620(3))
35	Escape from Community Custody
36	(RCW 72.09.310)

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1	Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
2	(second or subsequent offense)
3	(RCW 9A.44.130 prior to June 10,
4	2010, and RCW 9A.44.132)
5	Health Care False Claims (RCW
6	48.80.030)
7	Identity Theft 2 (RCW 9.35.020(3))
8	Improperly Obtaining Financial
9	Information (RCW 9.35.010)
10	Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070)
11	Organized Retail Theft 2 (RCW
12	9A.56.350(3))
13	Possession of Stolen Property 1 (RCW
14	9A.56.150)
15	Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (RCW
16	9A.56.068)
17	Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
18	2 (RCW 9A.56.360(3))
19	Scrap Processing, Recycling, or
20	Supplying Without a License
21	(second or subsequent offense)
22	(RCW 19.290.100)
23	Theft 1 (RCW 9A.56.030)
24	Theft of a Motor Vehicle (RCW
25	9A.56.065)
26	Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-
27	purchased, or Loaned Property
28	(valued at \$5,000 or more) (RCW
29	9A.56.096(5)(a))
30	Theft with the Intent to Resell 2 (RCW
31	9A.56.340(3))
32	Trafficking in Insurance Claims (RCW
33	48.30A.015)
34	Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
35	payment card transaction (RCW
36	9A.56.290(4)(a))

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1	Unlawful Participation of Non-Indians
2	in Indian Fishery (RCW
3	77.15.570(2))
4	Unlawful Practice of Law (RCW
5	2.48.180)
6	Unlawful Purchase or Use of a License
7	(RCW 77.15.650(3)(b))
8	Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
9	or Wildlife 2 (RCW
10	77.15.260(3)(a))
11	Unlicensed Practice of a Profession or
12	Business (RCW 18.130.190(7))
13	Voyeurism 1 (RCW 9A.44.115)
14 I	Attempting to Elude a Pursuing Police
15	Vehicle (RCW 46.61.024)
16	False Verification for Welfare (RCW
17	74.08.055)
18	Forgery (RCW 9A.60.020)
19	Fraudulent Creation or Revocation of a
20	Mental Health Advance Directive
21	(RCW 9A.60.060)
22	Malicious Mischief 2 (RCW 9A.48.080)
23	Mineral Trespass (RCW 78.44.330)
24	Possession of Stolen Property 2 (RCW
25	9A.56.160)
26	Reckless Burning 1 (RCW 9A.48.040)
27	Spotlighting Big Game 1 (RCW
28	77.15.450(3)(b))
29	Suspension of Department Privileges 1
30	(RCW 77.15.670(3)(b))
31	Taking Motor Vehicle Without
32	Permission 2 (RCW 9A.56.075)
33	Theft 2 (RCW 9A.56.040)
34	Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 2 (RCW
35	9A.56.400(2))

1	Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-
2	purchased, or Loaned Property
3	(valued at \$750 or more but less
4	than \$5,000) (RCW
5	9A.56.096(5)(b))
6	Transaction of insurance business
7	beyond the scope of licensure
8	(RCW 48.17.063)
9	Unlawful Fish and Shellfish Catch
10	Accounting (RCW 77.15.630(3)(b))
11	Unlawful Issuance of Checks or Drafts
12	(RCW 9A.56.060)
13	Unlawful Possession of Fictitious
14	Identification (RCW 9A.56.320)
15	Unlawful Possession of Instruments of
16	Financial Fraud (RCW 9A.56.320)
17	Unlawful Possession of Payment
18	Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
19	Unlawful Possession of a Personal
20	Identification Device (RCW
21	9A.56.320)
22	Unlawful Production of Payment
23	Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
24	Unlawful Releasing, Planting,
25	Possessing, or Placing Deleterious
26	Exotic Wildlife (RCW
27	77.15.250(2)(b))
28	Unlawful Trafficking in Food Stamps
29	(RCW 9.91.142)
30	Unlawful Use of Food Stamps (RCW
31	9.91.144)
32	Unlawful Use of Net to Take Fish 1
33	(RCW 77.15.580(3)(b))
34	Vehicle Prowl 1 (RCW 9A.52.095)
35	Violating Commercial Fishing Area or
36	Time 1 (RCW 77.15.550(3)(b))

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