
SENATE BILL 5784

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By Senators A. Smith and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to communicating with a minor for immoral purposes;
2 amending RCW 9.68A.090; 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 clarify that the
5 offense of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes occurs
6 whenever a person communicates with a minor and such communication is
7 done for the sexual gratification of the perpetrator, or for purposes
8 which, if completed, would be a felony sex offense under either Title
9 9 or 9A RCW. It is further the intent of the legislature to prohibit
10 communications for the sexual exploitation of minors and for the
11 grooming of children to facilitate sexual abuse.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.68A.090 and 1989 c 32 s 7 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 A person who communicates with a minor for immoral purposes is
15 guilty of a gross misdemeanor, unless that person has previously been
16 convicted under this section or of a felony sexual offense under
17 chapter 9.68A, 9A.44, or 9A.64 RCW or of any other felony sexual

1 offense in this or any other state, in which case the person is guilty
2 of a class C felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

3 For purposes of this section, "immoral purposes" means:

4 (1) Any act which, if completed, would constitute a violation of
5 chapter 9.68A, 9A.44, 9A.64, or 9A.88 RCW; or

6 (2) Conduct which is done:

7 (a) For the sexual gratification of the perpetrator; and

8 (b) Under circumstances in which the minor's presence is intended
9 and is a necessary element of the sexual gratification of the
10 perpetrator.

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