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By Senator Padden

1 AN ACT Relating to adding attempted murder to the list of
2 offenses that may be prosecuted at any time after their commission;
3 and amending RCW 9A.04.080.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.04.080 and 2013 c 17 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Prosecutions for criminal offenses shall not be commenced
8 after the periods prescribed in this section.

9 (a) The following offenses may be prosecuted at any time after
10 their commission:

11 (i) Murder or attempted murder;

12 (ii) Homicide by abuse;

13 (iii) Arson if a death results;

14 (iv) Vehicular homicide;

15 (v) Vehicular assault if a death results;

16 (vi) Hit-and-run injury-accident if a death results (RCW
17 46.52.020(4)).

18 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, the following
19 offenses shall not be prosecuted more than ten years after their
20 commission:

1 (i) Any felony committed by a public officer if the commission is
2 in connection with the duties of his or her office or constitutes a
3 breach of his or her public duty or a violation of the oath of
4 office;

5 (ii) Arson if no death results;

6 (iii)(A) Violations of RCW 9A.44.040 or 9A.44.050 if the rape is
7 reported to a law enforcement agency within one year of its
8 commission.

9 (B) If a violation of RCW 9A.44.040 or 9A.44.050 is not reported
10 within one year, the rape may not be prosecuted more than three years
11 after its commission; or

12 (iv) Indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(b).

13 (c) Violations of the following statutes, when committed against
14 a victim under the age of eighteen, may be prosecuted up to the
15 victim's thirtieth birthday: RCW 9A.44.040 (rape in the first
16 degree), 9A.44.050 (rape in the second degree), 9A.44.073 (rape of a
17 child in the first degree), 9A.44.076 (rape of a child in the second
18 degree), 9A.44.079 (rape of a child in the third degree), 9A.44.083
19 (child molestation in the first degree), 9A.44.086 (child molestation
20 in the second degree), 9A.44.089 (child molestation in the third
21 degree), 9A.44.100(1)(b) (indecent liberties), 9A.64.020 (incest), or
22 9.68A.040 (sexual exploitation of a minor).

23 (d) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than six
24 years after their commission or their discovery, whichever occurs
25 later:

26 (i) Violations of RCW 9A.82.060 or 9A.82.080;

27 (ii) Any felony violation of chapter 9A.83 RCW;

28 (iii) Any felony violation of chapter 9.35 RCW;

29 (iv) Theft in the first or second degree under chapter 9A.56 RCW
30 when accomplished by color or aid of deception; or

31 (v) Trafficking in stolen property in the first or second degree
32 under chapter 9A.82 RCW in which the stolen property is a motor
33 vehicle or major component part of a motor vehicle as defined in RCW
34 46.80.010.

35 (e) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than five
36 years after their commission: Any class C felony under chapter 74.09,
37 82.36, or 82.38 RCW.

38 (f) Bigamy shall not be prosecuted more than three years after
39 the time specified in RCW 9A.64.010.

1 (g) A violation of RCW 9A.56.030 must not be prosecuted more than
2 three years after the discovery of the offense when the victim is a
3 tax exempt corporation under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3).

4 (h) No other felony may be prosecuted more than three years after
5 its commission; except that in a prosecution under RCW 9A.44.115, if
6 the person who was viewed, photographed, or filmed did not realize at
7 the time that he or she was being viewed, photographed, or filmed,
8 the prosecution must be commenced within two years of the time the
9 person who was viewed or in the photograph or film first learns that
10 he or she was viewed, photographed, or filmed.

11 (i) No gross misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than two years
12 after its commission.

13 (j) No misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than one year after its
14 commission.

15 (2) The periods of limitation prescribed in subsection (1) of
16 this section do not run during any time when the person charged is
17 not usually and publicly resident within this state.

18 (3) In any prosecution for a sex offense as defined in RCW
19 9.94A.030, the periods of limitation prescribed in subsection (1) of
20 this section run from the date of commission or one year from the
21 date on which the identity of the suspect is conclusively established
22 by deoxyribonucleic acid testing or by photograph as defined in RCW
23 9.68A.011, whichever is later.

24 (4) If, before the end of a period of limitation prescribed in
25 subsection (1) of this section, an indictment has been found or a
26 complaint or an information has been filed, and the indictment,
27 complaint, or information is set aside, then the period of limitation
28 is extended by a period equal to the length of time from the finding
29 or filing to the setting aside.

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