CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5361**

Chapter 286, Laws of 2021

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DRUG OFFENSES—RESENTENCING CRITERIA

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2021

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| Passed by the Senate April 20, 2021  Yeas 49 Nays 0  DENNY HECK  **President of the Senate**  Passed by the House April 8, 2021  Yeas 98 Nays 0  LAURIE JINKINS  **Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATE  I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5361** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.  BRAD HENDRICKSON  Secretary |
| Approved May 12, 2021 3:07 PM | May 12, 2021 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**State of Washington 67th Legislature 2021 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators McCune, Warnick, and Wilson, J.)

AN ACT Relating to the resentencing of persons convicted of drug offenses; amending RCW 9.94A.519 and 9.94A.345; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 9.94A.519 and 2020 c 55 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, any offender sentenced for a violation of chapter 69.50 or 69.52 RCW that was committed prior to July 1, 2004, and who is serving a ((~~term of incarceration~~)) current sentence under custody of the department of corrections for that offense on June 11, 2020, is entitled to a resentencing hearing. The prosecuting attorney for the county in which any offender was sentenced and to whom this section applies must review the sentencing documents. If the offender is serving a term of incarceration for a violation of chapter 69.50 or 69.52 RCW that was committed prior to July 1, 2004, the prosecuting attorney shall, or the offender may, make a motion for relief from sentence to the original sentencing court.

(2) The sentencing court shall grant the motion if it finds that the offender is serving a sentence for a violation of chapter 69.50 or 69.52 RCW that was committed prior to July 1, 2004, and shall immediately set an expedited date for resentencing. At resentencing, the court shall sentence the offender as if the offender had not previously been sentenced, provided the new sentence is no greater than the initial sentence. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 9.94A.345, the court shall sentence the offender based on the sentencing guidelines in effect on the effective date of this section.

(3) An offender is not entitled to resentencing under this section if the offender has been convicted of a ((~~most serious offense or violent offense~~)) violent offense or sex offense involving a child.

(4) This section expires July 1, ((~~2021~~)) 2022.

**Sec.**  RCW 9.94A.345 and 2000 c 26 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

((~~Any~~)) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any sentence imposed under this chapter shall be determined in accordance with the law in effect when the current offense was committed.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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