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HOUSE BILL 2516

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By Representatives Cooper, H. Myers, Morris, Prince, G. Fisher, Riley and Paris

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1 AN ACT Relating to unlawful bus conduct; amending RCW 9.91.025; and  
2 prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.91.025 and 1984 c 167 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of unlawful bus conduct if while on or in a  
7 municipal transit vehicle as defined by RCW 46.04.355 or in or at a  
8 municipal transit station and with knowledge that such conduct is  
9 prohibited, he or she:

10 (a) Except while in or at a municipal transit station, smokes or  
11 carries a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar, or cigarette; or

12 (b) Discards litter other than in designated receptacles; or

13 (c) Plays any radio, recorder, or other sound-producing equipment  
14 except that nothing herein shall prohibit the use of such equipment

1 when connected to earphones that limit the sound to individual  
2 listeners or the use of a communication device by an employee of the  
3 owner or operator of the municipal transit vehicle or municipal transit  
4 station; or

5 (d) Spits or expectorates; or

6 (e) Carries any flammable liquid, explosive, acid, or other article  
7 or material likely to cause harm to others except that nothing herein  
8 shall prevent a person from carrying a cigarette, cigar, or pipe  
9 lighter or carrying a firearm or ammunition in a way that is not  
10 otherwise prohibited by law; or

11 (f) Intentionally disturbs others by engaging in loud or unruly  
12 behavior.

13 (2) For the purposes of this section, "municipal transit station"  
14 means all facilities, structures, lands, interest in lands, air rights  
15 over lands, and rights of way of all kinds that are owned, leased,  
16 held, or used by a public agency for the purpose of providing public  
17 transportation services.

18 (3) Unlawful bus conduct is a misdemeanor.