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By Senators von Reichbauer, A. Smith, McCaslin, Prentice, Gaspard, Hargrove, Quigley, Winsley and Erwin

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1 AN ACT Relating to luring; adding a new section to chapter 9A.40  
2 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.40 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 A person who performs any act or communicates in any manner  
7 intended to lure a minor child less than sixteen years old or an  
8 incompetent person into a vehicle or structure, without the consent of  
9 the minor's parent or guardian or the incompetent person's guardian,  
10 and the person is unknown to the child or incompetent person, is guilty  
11 of a class C felony, punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

12 For purposes of this section, luring includes promises, deception,  
13 offers of gifts or other enticement, threats, or voice authority, as  
14 well as acts of physical coercion.

15 Luring is not unlawful when the defendant's actions are reasonable  
16 under the circumstances and intended to protect the health or safety of  
17 the minor or incompetent person.

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