
SENATE BILL 5759

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By Senators Costa and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to presenting evidence of mental disease in a
2 criminal proceeding; and adding a new section to chapter 10.58 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.58 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In the guilt phase of a criminal proceeding, the defendant may not
7 present evidence that a mental disease, disorder, or illness prevented
8 the defendant from forming the requisite mental state for the crime
9 charged unless the defendant has first pleaded not guilty by reason of
10 insanity under chapter 10.77 RCW.

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