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1 AN ACT Relating to harassment through electronic communication; and
2 amending RCW 9.61.230.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.61.230 and 1992 c 186 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every person who, with intent to harass, intimidate, torment or
7 embarrass any other person, shall make a telephone call or send an
8 electronic communication to such other person:

9 (1) Using any lewd, lascivious, profane, indecent, or obscene words
10 or language, or suggesting the commission of any lewd or lascivious
11 act; or

12 (2) Anonymously or repeatedly or at an extremely inconvenient hour,
13 whether or not conversation ensues; or

14 (3) Threatening to inflict injury on the person or property of the
15 person called or any member of his or her family or household;
16 shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, except that the person is
17 guilty of a class C felony if either of the following applies:

18 (a) That person has previously been convicted of any crime of
19 harassment, as defined in RCW 9A.46.060, with the same victim or member

1 of the victim's family or household or any person specifically named in
2 a no-contact or no-harassment order in this or any other state; or
3 (b) That person harasses another person under subsection (3) of
4 this section by threatening to kill the person threatened or any other
5 person.

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