

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1564**

Chapter 308, Laws of 2001

57th Legislature  
2001 Regular Legislative Session

OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/14/01

Passed by the House April 16, 2001  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 6, 2001  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved May 14, 2001

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1564** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Casada, Lantz, Carrell, Hurst, Esser and O'Brien

Read first time 01/30/2001. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1            AN ACT Relating to obstructing governmental operations; reenacting  
2 RCW 9A.76.175 and 9A.76.020; creating a new section; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The purpose of this act is to respond to  
6 *State v. Thomas*, 103 Wn. App. 800, by reenacting, without changes, the  
7 law prohibiting materially false or misleading statements to public  
8 servants, enacted as sections 32 and 33, chapter 285, Laws of 1995.

9            **Sec. 2.**    RCW 9A.76.175 and 1995 c 285 s 32 are each reenacted to  
10 read as follows:

11            A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading material  
12 statement to a public servant is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.  
13 "Material statement" means a written or oral statement reasonably  
14 likely to be relied upon by a public servant in the discharge of his or  
15 her official powers or duties.

16            **Sec. 3.**    RCW 9A.76.020 and 1995 c 285 s 33 are each reenacted to  
17 read as follows:

1 (1) A person is guilty of obstructing a law enforcement officer if  
2 the person willfully hinders, delays, or obstructs any law enforcement  
3 officer in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties.

4 (2) "Law enforcement officer" means any general authority, limited  
5 authority, or specially commissioned Washington peace officer or  
6 federal peace officer as those terms are defined in RCW 10.93.020, and  
7 other public officers who are responsible for enforcement of fire,  
8 building, zoning, and life and safety codes.

9 (3) Obstructing a law enforcement officer is a gross misdemeanor.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
13 immediately.

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