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SENATE BILL 5077

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By Senators Eide, Schmidt and Berkey

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1            AN ACT Relating to failing to summon assistance; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 9A.36 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.36 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) A person is guilty of the crime of failing to summon assistance  
7 if:

8            (a) He or she knows that another person has suffered substantial  
9 bodily harm and is in need of assistance;

10           (b) He or she could reasonably summon assistance for the person in  
11 need without danger to himself or herself and without interference with  
12 an important duty owed to a third party;

13           (c) He or she fails to summon assistance for the person in need;  
14 and

15           (d) Another person is not summoning assistance for the person in  
16 need.

17           (2) The duty to summon assistance is satisfied by making reasonable  
18 efforts to summon emergency police, fire, or medical assistance that

1 identifies the location of the victim.

2 (3) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is a misdemeanor.

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