
SENATE BILL 5453

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By Senators Delvin, Shin, Kline and Brandland

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1 AN ACT Relating to civil immunity of radio and television
2 broadcasting organizations participating in the Amber alert system; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 No cause of action shall be maintained for civil damages in any
8 court of this state against any radio or television broadcasting
9 station or cable television system, or the employees, officers,
10 directors, managers, or agents of the radio or television broadcasting
11 station or cable television system, based on the broadcast of
12 information including, but not limited to, the name or description of
13 an abducted child, the name or description of a suspected abductor, and
14 the circumstances of an abduction supplied by law enforcement officials
15 pursuant to the voluntary broadcast notification system commonly known
16 as the "Amber alert," or as the same system may otherwise be known in
17 this state, which is used to notify the public of missing or abducted
18 children. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or

1 restrict in any way any immunity or privilege a radio or television
2 broadcasting station or cable television system may have under statute
3 or common law for broadcasting or otherwise disseminating information.

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