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HOUSE BILL 2207

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By Representative Klippert

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- AN ACT Relating to changing the commercial sexual abuse of a minor statute so that it includes attempting to engage in sexual conduct with a minor for a fee and the person guilty had reasonable belief the victim was a minor; amending RCW 9.68A.100; and prescribing penalties.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.68A.100 and 2013 c 302 s 2 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
 - (1) A person is guilty of commercial sexual abuse of a minor if:
- 10 (a) He or she pays a fee to a minor or a third person, with the
 11 reasonable belief that the person is a minor, as compensation for a
 12 minor having engaged in sexual conduct with him or her;
- (b) He or she pays or agrees to pay a fee to a minor or a third person, with the reasonable belief that the person is a minor, pursuant to an understanding that in return therefore such minor will engage in sexual conduct with him or her; or
- 17 (c) He or she <u>attempts</u>, solicits, offers, or requests to engage 18 in sexual conduct with a minor, with the reasonable belief that the 19 person is a minor, in return for a fee.
- 20 (2) Commercial sexual abuse of a minor is a class B felony 21 punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

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(3) In addition to any other penalty provided under chapter 9A.20 RCW, a person guilty of commercial sexual abuse of a minor is subject to the provisions under RCW 9A.88.130 and 9A.88.140.

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- (4) Consent of a minor to the sexual conduct does not constitute a defense to any offense listed in this section.
- 6 (5) For purposes of this section, "sexual conduct" means sexual intercourse or sexual contact, both as defined in chapter 9A.44 RCW.

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