

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6091

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SLAYERS--DEFINITION--NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6091** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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April 4, 2016

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Dammeier, O'Ban, Conway, and Becker

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of slayer; amending RCW
2 11.84.010 and 11.84.140; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 11.84.010 and 2009 c 525 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 As used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Abuser" means any person who participates, either as a
8 principal or an accessory before the fact, in the willful and
9 unlawful financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

10 (2) "Decedent" means:

11 (a) Any person whose life is taken by a slayer; or

12 (b) Any deceased person who, at any time during life in which he
13 or she was a vulnerable adult, was the victim of financial
14 exploitation by an abuser.

15 (3) "Financial exploitation" has the same meaning as provided in
16 RCW 74.34.020, as enacted or hereafter amended.

17 (4) "Property" includes any real and personal property and any
18 right or interest therein.

19 (5) "Slayer" means any person who participates, either as a
20 principal or an accessory before the fact, in the willful and

1 unlawful killing of any other person as determined under RCW
2 11.84.140.

3 (6) "Vulnerable adult" has the same meaning as provided in RCW
4 74.34.020.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 11.84.140 and 2009 c 525 s 14 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A final judgment of conviction for the willful and unlawful
8 killing of the decedent is conclusive for purposes of determining
9 whether a person is a slayer under this section. A finding of not
10 guilty by reason of insanity for the willful and unlawful killing of
11 the decedent carries the same meaning as a judgment of conviction.

12 (2) In the absence of a criminal conviction or a finding of not
13 guilty by reason of insanity, a superior court finding by a
14 preponderance of the evidence that a person participated in the
15 willful and unlawful killing of the decedent is conclusive for
16 purposes of determining whether a person is a slayer under this
17 section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as Carol's
19 law.

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