
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1687

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By Representatives Stanford, Doglio, Macri, Hansen, Orwall, Appleton, Jinkins, Ormsby, Valdez, and Davis

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting defenses based on victim identity;
2 adding a new section to chapter 9A.08 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 9A.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.08
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A defendant does not suffer from diminished capacity based on the
8 discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the
9 victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender
10 expression, or sexual orientation, including under circumstances in
11 which the victim made an unwanted nonforcible romantic or sexual
12 advance towards the defendant, or in which the defendant and victim
13 dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.16
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 A person is not justified in using force against another based on
17 the discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the
18 victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender
19 expression, or sexual orientation, including under circumstances in
20 which the victim made an unwanted nonforcible romantic or sexual

1 advance towards the defendant, or in which the defendant and victim
2 dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the
4 Nikki Kuhnhausen act.

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