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**SENATE BILL 6160**

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**By** Senators MacEwen, Torres, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

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1            AN ACT Relating to penalties for unlawfully obstructing traffic;  
2 amending RCW 9A.84.020 and 9A.84.030; and prescribing penalties.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.84.020 and 2011 c 336 s 410 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) A person is guilty of failure to disperse if:

7            (a) He or she congregates with a group of three or more other  
8 persons and there are acts of conduct within that group which create  
9 a substantial risk of causing injury to any person, or substantial  
10 harm to property; and

11            (b) He or she refuses or fails to disperse when ordered to do so  
12 by a peace officer or other public servant engaged in enforcing or  
13 executing the law.

14            (2) (a) Failure to disperse is a misdemeanor.

15            (b) Failure to disperse is a class C felony when a person refuses  
16 to disperse from a public roadway and their refusal obstructs  
17 traffic.

18            **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.84.030 and 2007 c 2 s 1 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20            (1) A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if the person:

1 (a) Uses abusive language and thereby intentionally creates a  
2 risk of assault;

3 (b) Intentionally disrupts any lawful assembly or meeting of  
4 persons without lawful authority;

5 (c) Intentionally obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic  
6 without lawful authority; or

7 (d)(i) Intentionally engages in fighting or in tumultuous conduct  
8 or makes unreasonable noise, within five hundred feet of:

9 (A) The location where a funeral or burial is being performed;

10 (B) A funeral home during the viewing of a deceased person;

11 (C) A funeral procession, if the person described in this  
12 subsection (1)(d) knows that the funeral procession is taking place;  
13 or

14 (D) A building in which a funeral or memorial service is being  
15 conducted; and

16 (ii) Knows that the activity adversely affects the funeral,  
17 burial, viewing, funeral procession, or memorial service.

18 (2) (a) Disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor.

19 (b) Disorderly conduct is a gross misdemeanor when a person  
20 violates subsection (1)(c) of this section.

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