HOUSE BILL 1086

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By Representative Low Prefiled 12/17/24.

- AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle chop shops; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515; adding a new section to chapter 9A.56 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that Washington 7 state is in the top rankings for auto thefts in the nation. The legislature further finds that chop 8 shops are prevalent and flourishing, and Washington state does not currently provide law 9 10 enforcement adequate tools to stop the illegal destruction of cars 11 that profit criminals. The legislature further finds that automobile insurance rates have increased for everyone due to the criminal 12 13 activity in the state.
- Therefore, the legislature intends to implement new provisions to hold criminals accountable and to provide restitution to the victims of these crimes.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 9A.56 RCW to read as follows:
- 19 (1) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, it is 20 unlawful for any person to knowingly own, operate, or conduct a chop

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shop, or to knowingly aid and abet another person in owning, operating, or conducting a chop shop.

- (2) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a person who violates this section is guilty of a class B felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- (b) A person who commits a second or subsequent violation of this section is guilty of a class A felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- (3) A person who is convicted of violating this section, in addition to any other punishment, shall be ordered to make restitution to the lawful owner of the stolen motor vehicle, major component part, or other part, or to the owner's insurer if the owner has already been compensated for the loss by the insurer, for any financial loss sustained as a result of the theft of the motor vehicle or part, any environmental clean-up costs stemming from the illegal activity, and any other related costs as authorized by RCW 9.94A.750. Restitution shall be imposed in addition to any imprisonment or penalty imposed, but not in lieu thereof.
- 19 (4) The following may be seized and are subject to forfeiture 20 pursuant to RCW 10.105.010:
 - (a) Any stolen motor vehicle found at the site of a chop shop, or any part of a motor vehicle found at the site of a chop shop for which there is probable cause to believe that the part is stolen, even if the lawful owner of the part cannot be identified;
 - (b) Any engine, tool, machine, implement, device, chemical, or substance used or designed for altering, dismantling, reassembling, or in any other way concealing or disguising the identity of a stolen motor vehicle or its parts;
 - (c) A wrecker, car hauler, or other motor vehicle that is being used or has been used to convey or transport a stolen motor vehicle or parts from a stolen motor vehicle; and
 - (d) To the extent authorized by law, any other personal or real property used in furtherance of violating this section.
 - (5) For the purposes of this section, "chop shop" means any business, building, lot, facility, location, or other structure or premise where one or more persons engage in receiving, concealing, destroying, disassembling, dismantling, reassembling, or storing any stolen motor vehicle or motor vehicle part which has been unlawfully obtained in order to alter, counterfeit, deface, destroy, disguise, falsify, forge, obliterate, or remove the identity, including the

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- vehicle identification number or derivative thereof, of such vehicle or vehicle part and to distribute, sell, repurpose, or dispose of such vehicle or vehicle part.
 - (6) For the purposes of this section, "major component part" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 46.80.010.
- 6 (7) For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" includes 7 watercrafts.
 - (8) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

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- 9 (a) A vehicle wrecker licensed pursuant to chapter 46.80 RCW, or a hulk hauler or scrap processor licensed pursuant to chapter 46.79 10 11 RCW, who unknowingly in the normal course of business and in good faith processes a stolen motor vehicle or its parts, unless law 12 enforcement proves a pattern of conduct composing many transactions 13 14 involving stolen vehicles or parts over a period of time where the 15 licensee's business practices were conducive to accepting stolen 16 vehicles and parts; or
- 17 (b) The lawful owner or any other authorized possessor of a motor 18 vehicle or motor vehicle part that has been recovered by law 19 enforcement authorities after having been stolen.
- 20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.94A.515 and 2024 c 301 s 29 and 2024 c 55 s 1 are 21 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

22		TABLE 2
23		CRIMES INCLUDED WITHIN EACH
24		SERIOUSNESS LEVEL
25	XVI	Aggravated Murder 1 (RCW 10.95.020)
26	XV	Homicide by abuse (RCW 9A.32.055)
27		Malicious explosion 1 (RCW
28		70.74.280(1))
29		Murder 1 (RCW 9A.32.030)
30	XIV	Murder 2 (RCW 9A.32.050)
31		Trafficking 1 (RCW 9A.40.100(1))
32	XIII	Malicious explosion 2 (RCW
33		70.74.280(2))
34		Malicious placement of an explosive 1
35		(RCW 70.74.270(1))
36	XII	Assault 1 (RCW 9A.36.011)

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1		Assault of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.36.120)
2		Malicious placement of an imitation
3		device 1 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(a))
4		Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse
5		of a Minor (RCW 9.68A.101)
6		Rape 1 (RCW 9A.44.040)
7		Rape of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.44.073)
8		Trafficking 2 (RCW 9A.40.100(3))
9	XI	Manslaughter 1 (RCW 9A.32.060)
10		Rape 2 (RCW 9A.44.050)
11		Rape of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.44.076)
12		Vehicular Homicide, by being under the
13		influence of intoxicating liquor or
14		any drug (RCW 46.61.520)
15		Vehicular Homicide, by the operation of
16		any vehicle in a reckless manner
17		(RCW 46.61.520)
18	X	Child Molestation 1 (RCW 9A.44.083)
19		Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW
20		9A.42.020)
21		Indecent Liberties (with forcible
22		compulsion) (RCW
23		9A.44.100(1)(a))
24		Kidnapping 1 (RCW 9A.40.020)
25		Leading Organized Crime (RCW
26		9A.82.060(1)(a))
27		Malicious explosion 3 (RCW
28		70.74.280(3))
29		Sexually Violent Predator Escape (RCW
30		9A.76.115)
31	IX	Abandonment of Dependent Person 1
32		(RCW 9A.42.060)
33		Assault of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.36.130)
34		Explosive devices prohibited (RCW
35		70.74.180)

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1		Hit and Run—Death (RCW
2		46.52.020(4)(a))
3		Homicide by Watercraft, by being under
4		the influence of intoxicating liquor
5		or any drug (RCW 79A.60.050)
6		Inciting Criminal Profiteering (RCW
7		9A.82.060(1)(b))
8		Malicious placement of an explosive 2
9		(RCW 70.74.270(2))
10		Robbery 1 (RCW 9A.56.200)
11		Sexual Exploitation (RCW 9.68A.040)
12	VIII	Arson 1 (RCW 9A.48.020)
13		Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor
14		(RCW 9.68A.100)
15		Homicide by Watercraft, by the
16		operation of any vessel in a reckless
17		manner (RCW 79A.60.050)
18		Manslaughter 2 (RCW 9A.32.070)
19		Promoting Prostitution 1 (RCW
20		9A.88.070)
21		Theft of Ammonia (RCW 69.55.010)
22	VII	Air bag diagnostic systems (causing
23		bodily injury or death) (RCW
24		46.37.660(2)(b))
25		Air bag replacement requirements
26		(causing bodily injury or death)
27		(RCW 46.37.660(1)(b))
28		Burglary 1 (RCW 9A.52.020)
29		Child Molestation 2 (RCW 9A.44.086)
30		Civil Disorder Training (RCW
31		9A.48.120)
32		Custodial Sexual Misconduct 1 (RCW
33		9A.44.160)

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1	Dealing in depictions of minor engaged
2	in sexually explicit conduct 1
3	(RCW 9.68A.050(1))
4	Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.36.045)
5	False Reporting 1 (RCW
6	9A.84.040(2)(a))
7	Homicide by Watercraft, by disregard
8	for the safety of others (RCW
9	79A.60.050)
10	Indecent Liberties (without forcible
11	compulsion) (RCW 9A.44.100(1)
12	(b) and (c))
13	Introducing Contraband 1 (RCW
14	9A.76.140)
15	Malicious placement of an explosive 3
16	(RCW 70.74.270(3))
17	Manufacture or import counterfeit,
18	nonfunctional, damaged, or
19	previously deployed air bag
20	(causing bodily injury or death)
21	(RCW 46.37.650(1)(b))
22	Negligently Causing Death By Use of a
23	Signal Preemption Device (RCW
24	46.37.675)
25	Sell, install, or reinstall counterfeit,
26	nonfunctional, damaged, or
27	previously deployed airbag (RCW
28	46.37.650(2)(b))
29	Sending, bringing into state depictions
30	of minor engaged in sexually
31	explicit conduct 1 (RCW
32	9.68A.060(1))
33	Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the
34	first degree (RCW 9.41.040(1))
35	Use of a Machine Gun or Bump-fire
36	Stock in Commission of a Felony
37	(RCW 9.41.225)

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1		Vehicular Homicide, by disregard for
2		the safety of others (RCW
3		46.61.520)
4	VI	Bail Jumping with Murder 1 (RCW
5		9A.76.170(3)(a))
6		Bribery (RCW 9A.68.010)
7		Incest 1 (RCW 9A.64.020(1))
8		Intimidating a Judge (RCW 9A.72.160)
9		Intimidating a Juror/Witness (RCW
10		9A.72.110, 9A.72.130)
11		Malicious placement of an imitation
12		device 2 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(b))
13		Possession of Depictions of a Minor
14		Engaged in Sexually Explicit
15		Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.070(1))
16		Rape of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.44.079)
17		Theft of a Firearm (RCW 9A.56.300)
18		Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 1 (RCW
19		9A.56.400(1))
20		Unlawful Storage of Ammonia (RCW
21		69.55.020)
22	V	Abandonment of Dependent Person 2
23		(RCW 9A.42.070)
24		Advancing money or property for
25		extortionate extension of credit
26		(RCW 9A.82.030)
27		Air bag diagnostic systems (RCW
28		46.37.660(2)(c))
29		Air bag replacement requirements
30		(RCW 46.37.660(1)(c))
31		Bail Jumping with class A Felony
32		(RCW 9A.76.170(3)(b))
33		Child Molestation 3 (RCW 9A.44.089)
34		Criminal Mistreatment 2 (RCW
35		9A.42.030)

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1	Custodial Sexual Misconduct 2 (RCW
2	9A.44.170)
3	Dealing in Depictions of Minor
4	Engaged in Sexually Explicit
5	Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.050(2))
6	Domestic Violence Court Order
7	Violation (RCW 7.105.450,
8	10.99.040, 10.99.050, 26.09.300,
9	26.26B.050, or 26.52.070)
10	Extortion 1 (RCW 9A.56.120)
11	Extortionate Extension of Credit (RCW
12	9A.82.020)
13	Extortionate Means to Collect
14	Extensions of Credit (RCW
15	9A.82.040)
16	Incest 2 (RCW 9A.64.020(2))
17	Kidnapping 2 (RCW 9A.40.030)
18	Manufacture or import counterfeit,
19	nonfunctional, damaged, or
20	previously deployed air bag (RCW
21	46.37.650(1)(c))
22	Perjury 1 (RCW 9A.72.020)
23	Persistent prison misbehavior (RCW
24	9.94.070)
25	Possession of a Stolen Firearm (RCW
26	9A.56.310)
27	Rape 3 (RCW 9A.44.060)
28	Rendering Criminal Assistance 1 (RCW
29	9A.76.070)
30	Sell, install, or reinstall counterfeit,
31	nonfunctional, damaged, or
32	previously deployed airbag (RCW
33	46.37.650(2)(c))

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1	Sending, Bringing into State Depictions
2	of Minor Engaged in Sexually
3	Explicit Conduct 2 (RCW
4	9.68A.060(2))
5	Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1
6	(RCW 9A.44.093)
7	Sexually Violating Human Remains
8	(RCW 9A.44.105)
9	Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110)
10	Taking Motor Vehicle Without
11	Permission 1 (RCW 9A.56.070)
12	IV Arson 2 (RCW 9A.48.030)
13	Assault 2 (RCW 9A.36.021)
14	Assault 3 (of a Peace Officer with a
15	Projectile Stun Gun) (RCW
16	9A.36.031(1)(h))
17	Assault 4 (third domestic violence
18	offense) (RCW 9A.36.041(3))
19	Assault by Watercraft (RCW
20	79A.60.060)
21	Bribing a Witness/Bribe Received by
22	Witness (RCW 9A.72.090,
23	9A.72.100)
24	Cheating 1 (RCW 9.46.1961)
25	Commercial Bribery (RCW 9A.68.060)
26	Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(4))
27	Driving While Under the Influence
28	(RCW 46.61.502(6))
29	Endangerment with a Controlled
30	Substance (RCW 9A.42.100)
31	Escape 1 (RCW 9A.76.110)
32	Hate Crime (RCW 9A.36.080)
33	Hit and Run—Injury (RCW
34	46.52.020(4)(b))

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1 2	Hit and Run with Vessel—Injury Accident (RCW 79A.60.200(3))
3	Identity Theft 1 (RCW 9.35.020(2))
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5	Indecent Exposure to Person Under Age 14 (subsequent sex offense) (RCW
6	9A.88.010)
7	Influencing Outcome of Sporting Event
8	(RCW 9A.82.070)
9	Operation of a Motor Vehicle Chop
10	Shop (second or subsequent
11	offense) (section 2(2)(b) of this act)
12	Physical Control of a Vehicle While
13	Under the Influence (RCW
14	46.61.504(6))
15	Possession of Depictions of a Minor
16	Engaged in Sexually Explicit
17	Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.070(2))
18	Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025)
19	Robbery 2 (RCW 9A.56.210)
20	Theft of Livestock 1 (RCW 9A.56.080)
21	Threats to Bomb (RCW 9.61.160)
22	Trafficking in Catalytic Converters 1
23	(RCW 9A.82.190)
24	Trafficking in Stolen Property 1 (RCW
25	9A.82.050)
26	Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
27	payment card transaction (RCW
28	9A.56.290(4)(b))
29	Unlawful transaction of health coverage
30	as a health care service contractor
31	(RCW 48.44.016(3))
32	Unlawful transaction of health coverage
33	as a health maintenance
34	organization (RCW 48.46.033(3))
35	Unlawful transaction of insurance
36	business (RCW 48.15.023(3))

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1		Unlicensed practice as an insurance
2		professional (RCW 48.17.063(2))
3		Use of Proceeds of Criminal
4		Profiteering (RCW 9A.82.080 (1)
5		and (2))
6		Vehicle Prowling 2 (third or subsequent
7		offense) (RCW 9A.52.100(3))
8		Vehicular Assault, by being under the
9		influence of intoxicating liquor or
10		any drug, or by the operation or
11		driving of a vehicle in a reckless
12		manner (RCW 46.61.522)
13		Viewing of Depictions of a Minor
14		Engaged in Sexually Explicit
15		Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.075(1))
16	III	Animal Cruelty 1 (RCW 16.52.205)
17		Assault 3 (Except Assault 3 of a Peace
18		Officer With a Projectile Stun Gun)
19		(RCW 9A.36.031 except subsection
20		(1)(h))
21		Assault of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.36.140)
22		Bail Jumping with class B or C Felony
23		(RCW 9A.76.170(3)(c))
24		Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030)
25		Communication with a Minor for
26		Immoral Purposes (RCW
27		9.68A.090)
28		Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW
29		9A.46.120)
30		Custodial Assault (RCW 9A.36.100)
31		Cyber Harassment (RCW
32		9A.90.120(2)(b))
33		Escape 2 (RCW 9A.76.120)
34		Extortion 2 (RCW 9A.56.130)
35		False Reporting 2 (RCW
36		9A.84.040(2)(b))

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1	Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020)
2	Hazing (RCW 28B.10.901(2)(b))
3	Intimidating a Public Servant (RCW
4	9A.76.180)
5	Introducing Contraband 2 (RCW
6	9A.76.150)
7	Malicious Injury to Railroad Property
8	(RCW 81.60.070)
9	Manufacture of Untraceable Firearm
10	with Intent to Sell (RCW 9.41.190)
11	Manufacture or Assembly of an
12	Undetectable Firearm or
13	Untraceable Firearm (RCW
14	9.41.325)
15	Mortgage Fraud (RCW 19.144.080)
16	Negligently Causing Substantial Bodily
17	Harm By Use of a Signal
18	Preemption Device (RCW
19	46.37.674)
20	Organized Retail Theft 1 (RCW
21	9A.56.350(2))
22	Perjury 2 (RCW 9A.72.030)
23	Possession of Incendiary Device (RCW
24	9.40.120)
25	Possession of Machine Gun, Bump-Fire
26	Stock, Undetectable Firearm, or
27	Short-Barreled Shotgun or Rifle
28	(RCW 9.41.190)
29	Promoting Prostitution 2 (RCW
30	9A.88.080)
31	Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
32	1 (RCW 9A.56.360(2))
33	Securities Act violation (RCW
34	21.20.400)
35	Tampering with a Witness (RCW
36	9A.72.120)

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1		Telephone Harassment (subsequent
2		conviction or threat of death)
3		(RCW 9.61.230(2))
4		Theft of Livestock 2 (RCW 9A.56.083)
5		Theft with the Intent to Resell 1 (RCW
6		9A.56.340(2))
7		Trafficking in Catalytic Converters 2
8		(RCW 9A.82.200)
9		Trafficking in Stolen Property 2 (RCW
10		9A.82.055)
11		Unlawful Hunting of Big Game 1
12		(RCW 77.15.410(3)(b))
13		Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW
14		9A.40.040)
15		Unlawful Misbranding of Fish or
16		Shellfish 1 (RCW 77.140.060(3))
17		Unlawful possession of firearm in the
18		second degree (RCW 9.41.040(2))
19		Unlawful Taking of Endangered Fish or
20		Wildlife 1 (RCW 77.15.120(3)(b))
21		Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
22		or Wildlife 1 (RCW
23		77.15.260(3)(b))
24		Unlawful Use of a Nondesignated
25		Vessel (RCW 77.15.530(4))
26		Vehicular Assault, by the operation or
27		driving of a vehicle with disregard
28		for the safety of others (RCW
29		46.61.522)
30	II	Commercial Fishing Without a License
31		1 (RCW 77.15.500(3)(b))
32		Computer Trespass 1 (RCW 9A.90.040)
33		Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(3))
34		Electronic Data Service Interference
35		(RCW 9A.90.060)

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1 2	Electronic Data Tampering 1 (RCW 9A.90.080)
3	Electronic Data Theft (RCW
4	9A.90.100)
5	Engaging in Fish Dealing Activity
6	Unlicensed 1 (RCW 77.15.620(3))
7	Escape from Community Custody
8	(RCW 72.09.310)
9	Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
10	(second or subsequent offense)
11	(RCW 9A.44.130 prior to June 10,
12	2010, and RCW 9A.44.132)
13	Health Care False Claims (RCW
14	48.80.030)
15	Identity Theft 2 (RCW 9.35.020(3))
16	Improperly Obtaining Financial
17	Information (RCW 9.35.010)
18	Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070)
19	Operation of a Motor Vehicle Chop
20	Shop (section 2(2)(a) of this act)
21	Organized Retail Theft 2 (RCW
22	9A.56.350(3))
23	Possession of Stolen Property 1 (RCW
24	9A.56.150)
25	Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (RCW
26	9A.56.068)
27	Possession, sale, or offering for sale of
28	seven or more unmarked catalytic
29	converters (RCW 9A.82.180(5))
30	Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
31	2 (RCW 9A.56.360(3))
32	Scrap Processing, Recycling, or
33	Supplying Without a License
34	(second or subsequent offense)
35	(RCW 19.290.100)
36	Theft 1 (RCW 9A.56.030)

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1	Theft of a Motor Vehicle (RCW 9A.56.065)
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4	Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease- purchased, or Loaned Property
5	(valued at \$5,000 or more) (RCW
6	9A.56.096(5)(a))
7	Theft with the Intent to Resell 2 (RCW
8	9A.56.340(3))
9	Trafficking in Insurance Claims (RCW
10	48.30A.015)
11	Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
12	payment card transaction (RCW
13	9A.56.290(4)(a))
14	Unlawful Participation of Non-Indians
15	in Indian Fishery (RCW
16	77.15.570(2))
17	Unlawful Practice of Law (RCW
18	2.48.180)
19	Unlawful Purchase or Use of a License
20	(RCW 77.15.650(3)(b))
21	Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
22	or Wildlife 2 (RCW
23	77.15.260(3)(a))
24	Unlicensed Practice of a Profession or
25	Business (RCW 18.130.190(7))
26	Voyeurism 1 (RCW 9A.44.115)
27	I Attempting to Elude a Pursuing Police
28	Vehicle (RCW 46.61.024)
29	False Verification for Welfare (RCW
30	74.08.055)
31	Forgery (RCW 9A.60.020)
32	Fraudulent Creation or Revocation of a
33	Mental Health Advance Directive
34	(RCW 9A.60.060)
35	Malicious Mischief 2 (RCW 9A.48.080)
36	Mineral Trespass (RCW 78.44.330)

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1 2	Possession of Stolen Property 2 (RCW 9A.56.160)
3	Reckless Burning 1 (RCW 9A.48.040)
4 5	Spotlighting Big Game 1 (RCW 77.15.450(3)(b))
6 7	Suspension of Department Privileges 1 (RCW 77.15.670(3)(b))
8 9	Taking Motor Vehicle Without Permission 2 (RCW 9A.56.075)
10	Theft 2 (RCW 9A.56.040)
11 12	Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 2 (RCW 9A.56.400(2))
13 14 15 16 17	Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease- purchased, or Loaned Property (valued at \$750 or more but less than \$5,000) (RCW 9A.56.096(5)(b))
18 19 20	Transaction of insurance business beyond the scope of licensure (RCW 48.17.063)
21 22	Unlawful Fish and Shellfish Catch Accounting (RCW 77.15.630(3)(b))
23 24	Unlawful Issuance of Checks or Drafts (RCW 9A.56.060)
25 26	Unlawful Possession of Fictitious Identification (RCW 9A.56.320)
27 28	Unlawful Possession of Instruments of Financial Fraud (RCW 9A.56.320)
29 30	Unlawful Possession of Payment Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
31 32 33	Unlawful Possession of a Personal Identification Device (RCW 9A.56.320)
34 35	Unlawful Production of Payment Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)

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1	Unlawful Releasing, Planting,
2	Possessing, or Placing Deleterious
3	Exotic Wildlife (RCW
4	77.15.250(2)(b))
5	Unlawful Trafficking in Food Stamps
6	(RCW 9.91.142)
7	Unlawful Use of Food Stamps (RCW
8	9.91.144)
9	Unlawful Use of Net to Take Fish 1
10	(RCW 77.15.580(3)(b))
11	Vehicle Prowl 1 (RCW 9A.52.095)
12	Violating Commercial Fishing Area or
13	Time 1 (RCW 77.15.550(3)(b))

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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