
HOUSE BILL 2881

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a new crime applicable to platforms,
2 including internet web sites, that facilitate unauthorized gambling
3 activity; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515; adding new sections
4 to chapter 9.46 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) A person is guilty of operating a platform that facilitates
9 an unauthorized gambling activity if the person operates a platform,
10 including an internet web site, that charges customers a fee for a
11 service or product and on which customers may transfer virtual items
12 with or without a charge, if the person knows or, based on the
13 totality of the circumstances, could reasonably be expected to know,
14 that third parties use the platform to engage in an unauthorized
15 gambling activity involving the wager or transfer of virtual items.

16 (2) A violation of this section is a class C felony.

17 (3) For purposes of this section:

18 (a) "Customer" means a person with an account on the platform or
19 a person who uses or visits the platform for the purpose of using or
20 purchasing a product or service offered or provided by or through the
21 platform; and

1 (b) "Platform" means an internet web site, service, product, or
2 business model:

3 (i) Through which the owner or operator charges customers a fee
4 for a product or service offered or made available to customers, even
5 if some products or services offered or made available to customers
6 are free; and

7 (ii) That involves in any respect the use, transfer, or sale of a
8 virtual item.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 "Virtual item" means a person, player, or character's appearance,
12 accessory, or privilege in a video, computer, internet, or electronic
13 game, or any other type of digital or intangible object or thing, if
14 such object or thing is capable of conversion into a currency used
15 anywhere in the world or is capable of being accepted as a deposit by
16 an operator of a gambling activity, in the form of a store of value,
17 for the purposes of gambling on the internet.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.94A.515 and 2017 c 335 s 4, 2017 c 292 s 3, 2017 c
19 272 s 10, and 2017 c 266 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read
20 as follows:

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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))
	XII	Assault 1 (RCW 9A.36.011)

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 of
5 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)

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 Dealing in depictions of minor engaged
33 in sexually explicit conduct 1
34 (RCW 9.68A.050(1))
35 Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.36.045)

1 Homicide by Watercraft, by disregard
2 for the safety of others (RCW
3 79A.60.050)

4 Indecent Liberties (without forcible
5 compulsion) (RCW 9A.44.100(1)
6 (b) and (c))

7 Introducing Contraband 1 (RCW
8 9A.76.140)

9 Malicious placement of an explosive 3
10 (RCW 70.74.270(3))

11 Manufacture or import counterfeit,
12 nonfunctional, damaged, or
13 previously deployed air bag
14 (causing bodily injury or death)
15 (RCW 46.37.650(1)(b))

16 Negligently Causing Death By Use of a
17 Signal Preemption Device (RCW
18 46.37.675)

19 ~~((Sale {of}))~~ Sell, install, or reinstall
20 counterfeit, nonfunctional,
21 damaged, or previously deployed
22 airbag (RCW 46.37.650(2)(b))

23 Sending, bringing into state depictions
24 of minor engaged in sexually
25 explicit conduct 1 (RCW
26 9.68A.060(1))

27 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the
28 first degree (RCW 9.41.040(1))

29 Use of a Machine Gun in Commission
30 of a Felony (RCW 9.41.225)

31 Vehicular Homicide, by disregard for
32 the safety of others (RCW
33 46.61.520)

34 VI Bail Jumping with Murder 1 (RCW
35 9A.76.170(3)(a))

36 Bribery (RCW 9A.68.010)

37 Incest 1 (RCW 9A.64.020(1))

1 Intimidating a Judge (RCW 9A.72.160)
2 Intimidating a Juror/Witness (RCW
3 9A.72.110, 9A.72.130)
4 Malicious placement of an imitation
5 device 2 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(b))
6 Possession of Depictions of a Minor
7 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
8 Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.070(1))
9 Rape of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.44.079)
10 Theft of a Firearm (RCW 9A.56.300)
11 Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 1 (RCW
12 9A.56.400(1))
13 Unlawful Storage of Ammonia (RCW
14 69.55.020)
15 V Abandonment of Dependent Person 2
16 (RCW 9A.42.070)
17 Advancing money or property for
18 extortionate extension of credit
19 (RCW 9A.82.030)
20 Air bag diagnostic systems (RCW
21 46.37.660(2)(c))
22 Air bag replacement requirements
23 (RCW 46.37.660(1)(c))
24 Bail Jumping with class A Felony
25 (RCW 9A.76.170(3)(b))
26 Child Molestation 3 (RCW 9A.44.089)
27 Criminal Mistreatment 2 (RCW
28 9A.42.030)
29 Custodial Sexual Misconduct 1 (RCW
30 9A.44.160)
31 Dealing in Depictions of Minor
32 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
33 Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.050(2))

1 Domestic Violence Court Order
2 Violation (RCW 10.99.040,
3 10.99.050, 26.09.300, 26.10.220,
4 26.26.138, 26.50.110, 26.52.070, or
5 74.34.145)
6 Extortion 1 (RCW 9A.56.120)
7 Extortionate Extension of Credit (RCW
8 9A.82.020)
9 Extortionate Means to Collect
10 Extensions of Credit (RCW
11 9A.82.040)
12 Incest 2 (RCW 9A.64.020(2))
13 Kidnapping 2 (RCW 9A.40.030)
14 Manufacture or import counterfeit,
15 nonfunctional, damaged, or
16 previously deployed air bag (RCW
17 46.37.650(1)(c))
18 Perjury 1 (RCW 9A.72.020)
19 Persistent prison misbehavior (RCW
20 9.94.070)
21 Possession of a Stolen Firearm (RCW
22 9A.56.310)
23 Rape 3 (RCW 9A.44.060)
24 Rendering Criminal Assistance 1 (RCW
25 9A.76.070)
26 ~~((Sale of))~~ Sell, install, or reinstall
27 counterfeit, nonfunctional,
28 damaged, or previously deployed
29 airbag (RCW 46.37.650(2)(c))
30 Sending, Bringing into State Depictions
31 of Minor Engaged in Sexually
32 Explicit Conduct 2 (RCW
33 9.68A.060(2))
34 Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1
35 (RCW 9A.44.093)

1 Sexually Violating Human Remains
2 (RCW 9A.44.105)
3 Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110)
4 Taking Motor Vehicle Without
5 Permission 1 (RCW 9A.56.070)
6 IV Arson 2 (RCW 9A.48.030)
7 Assault 2 (RCW 9A.36.021)
8 Assault 3 (of a Peace Officer with a
9 Projectile Stun Gun) (RCW
10 9A.36.031(1)(h))
11 Assault 4 (third domestic violence
12 offense) (RCW 9A.36.041(3))
13 Assault by Watercraft (RCW
14 79A.60.060)
15 Bribing a Witness/Bribe Received by
16 Witness (RCW 9A.72.090,
17 9A.72.100)
18 Cheating 1 (RCW 9A.46.1961)
19 Commercial Bribery (RCW 9A.68.060)
20 Counterfeiting (RCW 9A.16.035(4))
21 Driving While Under the Influence
22 (RCW 46.61.502(6))
23 Endangerment with a Controlled
24 Substance (RCW 9A.42.100)
25 Escape 1 (RCW 9A.76.110)
26 Hit and Run—Injury (RCW
27 46.52.020(4)(b))
28 Hit and Run with Vessel—Injury
29 Accident (RCW 79A.60.200(3))
30 Identity Theft 1 (RCW 9A.35.020(2))
31 Indecent Exposure to Person Under Age
32 Fourteen (subsequent sex offense)
33 (RCW 9A.88.010)
34 Influencing Outcome of Sporting Event
35 (RCW 9A.82.070)

1 Malicious Harassment (RCW
2 9A.36.080)
3 Physical Control of a Vehicle While
4 Under the Influence (RCW
5 46.61.504(6))
6 Possession of Depictions of a Minor
7 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
8 Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.070(2))
9 Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025)
10 Robbery 2 (RCW 9A.56.210)
11 Theft of Livestock 1 (RCW 9A.56.080)
12 Threats to Bomb (RCW 9.61.160)
13 Trafficking in Stolen Property 1 (RCW
14 9A.82.050)
15 Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
16 payment card transaction (RCW
17 9A.56.290(4)(b))
18 Unlawful Operation of Platform that
19 Facilitates an Unauthorized
20 Gambling Activity (section 1 of this
21 act)
22 Unlawful transaction of health coverage
23 as a health care service contractor
24 (RCW 48.44.016(3))
25 Unlawful transaction of health coverage
26 as a health maintenance
27 organization (RCW 48.46.033(3))
28 Unlawful transaction of insurance
29 business (RCW 48.15.023(3))
30 Unlicensed practice as an insurance
31 professional (RCW 48.17.063(2))
32 Use of Proceeds of Criminal
33 Profiteering (RCW 9A.82.080 (1)
34 and (2))
35 Vehicle Prowling 2 (third or subsequent
36 offense) (RCW 9A.52.100(3))

1 Vehicular Assault, by being under the
2 influence of intoxicating liquor or
3 any drug, or by the operation or
4 driving of a vehicle in a reckless
5 manner (RCW 46.61.522)

6 Viewing of Depictions of a Minor
7 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
8 Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.075(1))

9 Willful Failure to Return from Furlough
10 (RCW 72.66.060)

11 III Animal Cruelty 1 (Sexual Conduct or
12 Contact) (RCW 16.52.205(3))

13 Assault 3 (Except Assault 3 of a Peace
14 Officer With a Projectile Stun Gun)
15 (RCW 9A.36.031 except subsection
16 (1)(h))

17 Assault of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.36.140)

18 Bail Jumping with class B or C Felony
19 (RCW 9A.76.170(3)(c))

20 Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030)

21 Communication with a Minor for
22 Immoral Purposes (RCW
23 9.68A.090)

24 Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW
25 9A.46.120)

26 Custodial Assault (RCW 9A.36.100)

27 Cyberstalking (subsequent conviction or
28 threat of death) (RCW 9.61.260(3))

29 Escape 2 (RCW 9A.76.120)

30 Extortion 2 (RCW 9A.56.130)

31 Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020)

32 Intimidating a Public Servant (RCW
33 9A.76.180)

34 Introducing Contraband 2 (RCW
35 9A.76.150)

1 Malicious Injury to Railroad Property
2 (RCW 81.60.070)
3 Mortgage Fraud (RCW 19.144.080)
4 Negligently Causing Substantial Bodily
5 Harm By Use of a Signal
6 Preemption Device (RCW
7 46.37.674)
8 Organized Retail Theft 1 (RCW
9 9A.56.350(2))
10 Perjury 2 (RCW 9A.72.030)
11 Possession of Incendiary Device (RCW
12 9.40.120)
13 Possession of Machine Gun or Short-
14 Barreled Shotgun or Rifle (RCW
15 9.41.190)
16 Promoting Prostitution 2 (RCW
17 9A.88.080)
18 Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
19 1 (RCW 9A.56.360(2))
20 Securities Act violation (RCW
21 21.20.400)
22 Tampering with a Witness (RCW
23 9A.72.120)
24 Telephone Harassment (subsequent
25 conviction or threat of death) (RCW
26 9.61.230(2))
27 Theft of Livestock 2 (RCW 9A.56.083)
28 Theft with the Intent to Resell 1 (RCW
29 9A.56.340(2))
30 Trafficking in Stolen Property 2 (RCW
31 9A.82.055)
32 Unlawful Hunting of Big Game 1 (RCW
33 77.15.410(3)(b))
34 Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW
35 9A.40.040)

1 Unlawful Misbranding of Food Fish or
2 Shellfish 1 (RCW 69.04.938(3))
3 Unlawful possession of firearm in the
4 second degree (RCW 9.41.040(2))
5 Unlawful Taking of Endangered Fish or
6 Wildlife 1 (RCW 77.15.120(3)(b))
7 Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
8 or Wildlife 1 (RCW
9 77.15.260(3)(b))
10 Unlawful Use of a Nondesignated
11 Vessel (RCW 77.15.530(4))
12 Vehicular Assault, by the operation or
13 driving of a vehicle with disregard
14 for the safety of others (RCW
15 46.61.522)
16 Willful Failure to Return from Work
17 Release (RCW 72.65.070)
18 II Commercial Fishing Without a License
19 1 (RCW 77.15.500(3)(b))
20 Computer Trespass 1 (RCW 9A.90.040)
21 Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(3))
22 Electronic Data Service Interference
23 (RCW 9A.90.060)
24 Electronic Data Tampering 1 (RCW
25 9A.90.080)
26 Electronic Data Theft (RCW 9A.90.100)
27 Engaging in Fish Dealing Activity
28 Unlicensed 1 (RCW 77.15.620(3))
29 Escape from Community Custody
30 (RCW 72.09.310)
31 Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
32 (second or subsequent offense)
33 (RCW 9A.44.130 prior to June 10,
34 2010, and RCW 9A.44.132)
35 Health Care False Claims (RCW
36 48.80.030)

1 Identity Theft 2 (RCW 9.35.020(3))
2 Improperly Obtaining Financial
3 Information (RCW 9.35.010)
4 Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070)
5 Organized Retail Theft 2 (RCW
6 9A.56.350(3))
7 Possession of Stolen Property 1 (RCW
8 9A.56.150)
9 Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (RCW
10 9A.56.068)
11 Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
12 2 (RCW 9A.56.360(3))
13 Scrap Processing, Recycling, or
14 Supplying Without a License
15 (second or subsequent offense)
16 (RCW 19.290.100)
17 Theft 1 (RCW 9A.56.030)
18 Theft of a Motor Vehicle (RCW
19 9A.56.065)
20 Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-
21 purchased, or Loaned Property
22 (valued at five thousand dollars or
23 more) (RCW 9A.56.096(5)(a))
24 Theft with the Intent to Resell 2 (RCW
25 9A.56.340(3))
26 Trafficking in Insurance Claims (RCW
27 48.30A.015)
28 Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
29 payment card transaction (RCW
30 9A.56.290(4)(a))
31 Unlawful Participation of Non-Indians
32 in Indian Fishery (RCW
33 77.15.570(2))
34 Unlawful Practice of Law (RCW
35 2.48.180)

1 Unlawful Purchase or Use of a License
2 (RCW 77.15.650(3)(b))
3 Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
4 or Wildlife 2 (RCW
5 77.15.260(3)(a))
6 Unlicensed Practice of a Profession or
7 Business (RCW 18.130.190(7))
8 Voyeurism 1 (RCW 9A.44.115)
9 I Attempting to Elude a Pursuing Police
10 Vehicle (RCW 46.61.024)
11 False Verification for Welfare (RCW
12 74.08.055)
13 Forgery (RCW 9A.60.020)
14 Fraudulent Creation or Revocation of a
15 Mental Health Advance Directive
16 (RCW 9A.60.060)
17 Malicious Mischief 2 (RCW 9A.48.080)
18 Mineral Trespass (RCW 78.44.330)
19 Possession of Stolen Property 2 (RCW
20 9A.56.160)
21 Reckless Burning 1 (RCW 9A.48.040)
22 Spotlighting Big Game 1 (RCW
23 77.15.450(3)(b))
24 Suspension of Department Privileges 1
25 (RCW 77.15.670(3)(b))
26 Taking Motor Vehicle Without
27 Permission 2 (RCW 9A.56.075)
28 Theft 2 (RCW 9A.56.040)
29 Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 2 (RCW
30 9A.56.400(2))
31 Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-
32 purchased, or Loaned Property
33 (valued at seven hundred fifty
34 dollars or more but less than five
35 thousand dollars) (RCW
36 9A.56.096(5)(b))

1 Transaction of insurance business
2 beyond the scope of licensure
3 (RCW 48.17.063)
4 Unlawful Fish and Shellfish Catch
5 Accounting (RCW 77.15.630(3)(b))
6 Unlawful Issuance of Checks or Drafts
7 (RCW 9A.56.060)
8 Unlawful Possession of Fictitious
9 Identification (RCW 9A.56.320)
10 Unlawful Possession of Instruments of
11 Financial Fraud (RCW 9A.56.320)
12 Unlawful Possession of Payment
13 Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
14 Unlawful Possession of a Personal
15 Identification Device (RCW
16 9A.56.320)
17 Unlawful Production of Payment
18 Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
19 Unlawful Releasing, Planting,
20 Possessing, or Placing Deleterious
21 Exotic Wildlife (RCW
22 77.15.250(2)(b))
23 Unlawful Trafficking in Food Stamps
24 (RCW 9.91.142)
25 Unlawful Use of Food Stamps (RCW
26 9.91.144)
27 Unlawful Use of Net to Take Fish 1
28 (RCW 77.15.580(3)(b))
29 Unlawful Use of Prohibited Aquatic
30 Animal Species (RCW
31 77.15.253(3))
32 Vehicle Prowl 1 (RCW 9A.52.095)
33 Violating Commercial Fishing Area or
34 Time 1 (RCW 77.15.550(3)(b))

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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