
SENATE BILL 5521

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By Senators Sheldon, Rivers, Becker, Warnick, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding persons who serve legal process to
2 assault in the third degree provisions; amending RCW 9A.36.031; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.031 and 2013 c 256 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A person is guilty of assault in the third degree if he or
8 she, under circumstances not amounting to assault in the first or
9 second degree:

10 (a) With intent to prevent or resist the execution of any lawful
11 process or mandate of any court officer or the lawful apprehension or
12 detention of himself, herself, or another person, assaults another;
13 or

14 (b) Assaults a person employed as a transit operator or driver,
15 the immediate supervisor of a transit operator or driver, a mechanic,
16 or a security officer, by a public or private transit company or a
17 contracted transit service provider, while that person is performing
18 his or her official duties at the time of the assault; or

19 (c) Assaults a school bus driver, the immediate supervisor of a
20 driver, a mechanic, or a security officer, employed by a school
21 district transportation service or a private company under contract

1 for transportation services with a school district, while the person
2 is performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault;
3 or

4 (d) With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm to another
5 person by means of a weapon or other instrument or thing likely to
6 produce bodily harm; or

7 (e) Assaults a firefighter or other employee of a fire
8 department, county fire marshal's office, county fire prevention
9 bureau, or fire protection district who was performing his or her
10 official duties at the time of the assault; or

11 (f) With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm accompanied by
12 substantial pain that extends for a period sufficient to cause
13 considerable suffering; or

14 (g) Assaults a law enforcement officer or other employee of a law
15 enforcement agency who was performing his or her official duties at
16 the time of the assault; or

17 (h) Assaults a peace officer with a projectile stun gun; or

18 (i) Assaults a nurse, physician, or health care provider who was
19 performing his or her nursing or health care duties at the time of
20 the assault. For purposes of this subsection: "Nurse" means a person
21 licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW; "physician" means a person licensed
22 under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW; and "health care provider" means a
23 person certified under chapter 18.71 or 18.73 RCW who performs
24 emergency medical services or a person regulated under Title 18 RCW
25 and employed by, or contracting with, a hospital licensed under
26 chapter 70.41 RCW; or

27 (j) Assaults a judicial officer, court-related employee, county
28 clerk, or county clerk's employee, while that person is performing
29 his or her official duties at the time of the assault or as a result
30 of that person's employment within the judicial system. For purposes
31 of this subsection, "court-related employee" includes bailiffs, court
32 reporters, judicial assistants, court managers, court managers'
33 employees, and any other employee, regardless of title, who is
34 engaged in equivalent functions; or

35 (k) Assaults a person located in a courtroom, jury room, judge's
36 chamber, or any waiting area or corridor immediately adjacent to a
37 courtroom, jury room, or judge's chamber. This section shall apply
38 only: (i) During the times when a courtroom, jury room, or judge's
39 chamber is being used for judicial purposes during court proceedings;

1 and (ii) if signage was posted in compliance with RCW 2.28.200 at the
2 time of the assault; or

3 (1) Assaults a person in the act of serving legal process who is
4 either registered or exempt from registration as described in RCW
5 18.180.010.

6 (2) Assault in the third degree is a class C felony.

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