
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5839

State of Washington

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Van De Wege, Wagoner, and L. Wilson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the crime of interfering with a
2 firefighter or emergency medical services provider; adding a new
3 section to chapter 9A.84 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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.84
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A person is guilty of interfering with a firefighter or
8 emergency medical services provider if the person, with knowledge
9 that another person is a firefighter or emergency medical services
10 provider, intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent that
11 firefighter or emergency medical services provider from performing
12 his or her official duties.

13 (2) Interfering with a firefighter or emergency medical services
14 provider is a gross misdemeanor.

15 (3) As used in this section:

16 (a) "Emergency medical services provider" includes any person who
17 is an emergency medical technician or a first responder as defined in
18 RCW 18.73.030 and any person who is a physician's trained advanced
19 emergency medical technician and paramedic as defined in RCW
20 18.71.200.

1 (b) "Firefighter" includes a paid or volunteer firefighter or
2 other employee of a fire department, county fire marshal's office,
3 county fire prevention bureau, fire protection district, or regional
4 fire authority.

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