
SENATE BILL 5646

State of Washington

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By Senators Muzzall and Lovick

1 AN ACT Relating to leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle;
2 adding a new section to chapter 9.91 RCW; prescribing penalties; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.91 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A person who has the care and custody, whether temporary or
8 permanent, of a minor child under the age of nine years, and
9 knowingly leaves the child unattended by an adult in a parked
10 automobile, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June
13 30, 2025, from the general fund to the department of health, for the
14 purposes of promoting awareness of this act and the dangers inherent
15 in leaving young children unattended in a vehicle.

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