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By Representatives Hope, O'Brien, Klippert, Condotta, Pearson, Roach, Simpson, Campbell, Kelley, McCune, Morrell, and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the crime of rendering aggravated  
2 criminal assistance in the first degree involving murder in the first  
3 degree of a peace officer; amending RCW 9A.76.050; adding a new section  
4 to chapter 9A.76 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing  
5 penalties.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known as the Lakewood law  
8 enforcement officers memorial act.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.76.050 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 47 s 20 are each  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 As used in RCW 9A.76.070, 9A.76.080, (~~and~~) 9A.76.090, and section  
12 3 of this act, a person "renders criminal assistance" if, with intent  
13 to prevent, hinder, or delay the apprehension or prosecution of another  
14 person who he knows has committed a crime or juvenile offense or is  
15 being sought by law enforcement officials for the commission of a crime  
16 or juvenile offense or has escaped from a detention facility, he:

17 (1) Harbors or conceals such person; or

18 (2) Warns such person of impending discovery or apprehension; or

- 1           (3) Provides such person with money, transportation, disguise, or
- 2 other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension; or
- 3           (4) Prevents or obstructs, by use of force, deception, or threat,
- 4 anyone from performing an act that might aid in the discovery or
- 5 apprehension of such person; or
- 6           (5) Conceals, alters, or destroys any physical evidence that might
- 7 aid in the discovery or apprehension of such person; or
- 8           (6) Provides such person with a weapon.

9           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.76 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11           (1) A person is guilty of rendering aggravated criminal assistance  
12 in the first degree if he or she renders criminal assistance to a  
13 person who has committed or is being sought for murder in the first  
14 degree of a peace officer and, if the person who has committed or is  
15 being sought for the offense were to be convicted or plead guilty of  
16 the offense, the person would become a persistent offender under the  
17 provisions of RCW 9.94A.570.

18           (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, rendering  
19 aggravated criminal assistance in the first degree is a class B felony.

20           (b) Rendering aggravated criminal assistance in the first degree is  
21 a class C felony, if it is established by a preponderance of the  
22 evidence that the actor is a relative as defined in RCW 9A.76.060.

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