

CHAPTER 204.

[Reengrossed House Bill No. 216.]

CRIMES—FIRE ALARMS AND APPARATUS.

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishment; defining crimes; adding a new section to chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and to chapter 9.40 RCW; and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

New section.

Section 1. There is added to chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and to chapter 9.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Crimes—Fire
alarms and
apparatus.

Any person who wilfully and without cause tampers with, molests, injures or breaks any public or private fire alarm apparatus, emergency phone, radio, or other wire or signal, or any fire fighting equipment, or who wilfully and without having reasonable grounds for believing a fire exists, sends, gives, transmits, or sounds any false alarm of fire, by shouting in a public place or by means of any public or private fire alarm system or signal, or by telephone, is guilty of a misdemeanor. This provision shall not prohibit the testing of fire alarm systems by persons authorized to do so, by a fire department or state fire marshal official.

Passed the House March 6, 1967.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.