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1 AN ACT Relating to expert testimony about a criminal defendant's
2 mental illness; and adding a new section to chapter 10.58 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.58 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In the guilt phase of a criminal proceeding, an expert testifying
7 about a defendant's mental illness, mental disorder, or mental disease
8 may not testify as to whether the defendant formed or had the capacity
9 to form the mental state required for the crime charged. The trier of
10 fact shall decide whether the defendant had the required mental state.

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