

**RCW 9A.76.175 Making a false or misleading statement to a public servant.** A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading material statement to a public servant is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. "Material statement" means a written or oral statement reasonably likely to be relied upon by a public servant in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties. [2001 c 308 s 2. Prior: 1995 c 285 s 32.]

**Purpose—2001 c 308:** "The purpose of this act is to respond to *State v. Thomas*, 103 Wn. App. 800, by reenacting, without changes, the law prohibiting materially false or misleading statements to public servants, enacted as sections 32 and 33, chapter 285, Laws of 1995." [2001 c 308 s 1.]

**Effective date—2001 c 308:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [May 14, 2001]." [2001 c 308 s 4.]

**Effective date—1995 c 285:** See RCW 48.30A.900.