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(1) A public servant is guilty of official misconduct if, with intent to obtain a benefit or to deprive another person of a lawful right or privilege:

- (a) He intentionally commits an unauthorized act under color of law; or
- (b) He intentionally refrains from performing a duty imposed upon him by law.

(2) Official misconduct is a gross misdemeanor.

[1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 38 Â§ 17; 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 Â§ [9A.80.010](#).]

Notes:

Effective date -- Severability -- 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 38: See notes following RCW 9A.08.020.

Failure of duty by public officers: RCW 42.20.100.