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1 AN ACT Relating to restricting possession of weapons in certain
2 locations; reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.300; adding a new section
3 to chapter 9.41 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.216 RCW; and
4 prescribing penalties.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) It is unlawful for a person to carry onto, or to possess on,
9 licensed child care center premises, child care center-provided
10 transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively
11 by a child care center:

12 (a) Any firearm;

13 (b) Any other dangerous weapon as described in RCW 9.41.250;

14 (c) Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed
15 to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of
16 compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas; or

17 (d) (i) Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon
18 and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile
19 stun gun that projects wired probes that are attached to the device
20 that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or
21 an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse; or

1 (ii) Any device, object, or instrument that is used or intended
2 to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an
3 electric shock, charge, or impulse.

4 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section is
5 guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If a person is convicted of a
6 violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person shall have
7 his or her concealed pistol license, if any, revoked for a period of
8 three years. Anyone convicted under subsection (1)(a) of this section
9 is prohibited from applying for a concealed pistol license for a
10 period of three years from the date of conviction. The court shall
11 send notice of the concealed pistol license revocation to the
12 department of licensing and the city, town, or county that issued the
13 concealed pistol license.

14 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

15 (a) Family day care provider homes as defined in RCW 43.216.010;

16 (b) Any person at least eighteen years of age legally in
17 possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an
18 attended vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended
19 vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the child care
20 center; or

21 (c) Any law enforcement officer of a federal, state, or local
22 government agency.

23 (4) Child care centers must post "GUN-FREE ZONE" signs giving
24 warning of the prohibition of the possession of firearms on center
25 premises.

26 (5) A child care center that is located on public or private
27 elementary or secondary school premises is subject to the
28 requirements of RCW 9.41.280.

29 (6) For the purposes of this section, child care center has the
30 same meaning as "child day care center" as defined in RCW 43.216.010.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) Every child day care center and early childhood education and
34 assistance program provider is subject to section 1 of this act.

35 (2)(a) A family day care provider must store any firearm,
36 ammunition, or other dangerous weapon as described in RCW 9.41.250 in
37 a secure area when children are present on the premises.

38 (b) The secure area must be inaccessible to children and must
39 consist of a locked gun safe or a locked room. If stored in a locked

1 room, each firearm must be stored unloaded and with a trigger lock or
2 other disabling feature.

3 (3) The department may deny, suspend, revoke, modify or not renew
4 the license of a child care provider in violation of this section.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.41.300 and 2018 c 201 s 9003 and 2018 c 201 s 6007
6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) It is unlawful for any person to enter the following places
8 when he or she knowingly possesses or knowingly has under his or her
9 control a weapon:

10 (a) The restricted access areas of a jail, or of a law
11 enforcement facility, or any place used for the confinement of a
12 person (i) arrested for, charged with, or convicted of an offense,
13 (ii) held for extradition or as a material witness, or (iii)
14 otherwise confined pursuant to an order of a court, except an order
15 under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW. Restricted access areas do not
16 include common areas of egress or ingress open to the general public;

17 (b) Those areas in any building which are used in connection with
18 court proceedings, including courtrooms, jury rooms, judge's
19 chambers, offices and areas used to conduct court business, waiting
20 areas, and corridors adjacent to areas used in connection with court
21 proceedings. The restricted areas do not include common areas of
22 ingress and egress to the building that is used in connection with
23 court proceedings, when it is possible to protect court areas without
24 restricting ingress and egress to the building. The restricted areas
25 shall be the minimum necessary to fulfill the objective of this
26 subsection (1)(b).

27 For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), "weapon" means any
28 firearm, explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or any weapon of the
29 kind usually known as slung shot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or
30 any knife, dagger, dirk, or other similar weapon that is capable of
31 causing death or bodily injury and is commonly used with the intent
32 to cause death or bodily injury.

33 In addition, the local legislative authority shall provide either
34 a stationary locked box sufficient in size for pistols and key to a
35 weapon owner for weapon storage, or shall designate an official to
36 receive weapons for safekeeping, during the owner's visit to
37 restricted areas of the building. The locked box or designated
38 official shall be located within the same building used in connection
39 with court proceedings. The local legislative authority shall be

1 liable for any negligence causing damage to or loss of a weapon
2 either placed in a locked box or left with an official during the
3 owner's visit to restricted areas of the building.

4 The local judicial authority shall designate and clearly mark
5 those areas where weapons are prohibited, and shall post notices at
6 each entrance to the building of the prohibition against weapons in
7 the restricted areas;

8 (c) The restricted access areas of a public mental health
9 facility licensed or certified by the department of health for
10 inpatient hospital care and state institutions for the care of the
11 mentally ill, excluding those facilities solely for evaluation and
12 treatment. Restricted access areas do not include common areas of
13 egress and ingress open to the general public;

14 (d) That portion of an establishment classified by the state
15 liquor and cannabis board as off-limits to persons under twenty-one
16 years of age; ((~~or~~))

17 (e) The restricted access areas of a commercial service airport
18 designated in the airport security plan approved by the federal
19 transportation security administration, including passenger screening
20 checkpoints at or beyond the point at which a passenger initiates the
21 screening process. These areas do not include airport drives, general
22 parking areas and walkways, and shops and areas of the terminal that
23 are outside the screening checkpoints and that are normally open to
24 unscreened passengers or visitors to the airport. Any restricted
25 access area shall be clearly indicated by prominent signs indicating
26 that firearms and other weapons are prohibited in the area;

27 (f) The premises of a library established or maintained pursuant
28 to the authority of chapter 27.12 RCW; or

29 (g) The premises of a city's, town's, county's, or other
30 municipality's neighborhood, community, or regional park facilities
31 at which children and youth are likely to be present and at which
32 appropriate signage has been posted notifying the public that weapons
33 are not permitted on the park facility's premises. A city, town,
34 county, or other municipality shall designate the park facilities
35 within its boundaries where children are likely to be present and
36 post appropriate signage at reasonable intervals on the perimeter of
37 the park facility's premises to notify the public that weapons are
38 prohibited within the park facility. Park facilities where children
39 and youth are likely to be present include, but are not limited to,
40 park facilities that have: Playgrounds or children play areas; sports

1 fields, sports courts, or sports facilities; swimming or wading
2 pools, swim beaches, or water play areas; teen centers, community
3 centers, or performing arts centers; skateboard parks; or other
4 recreational facilities likely to be used by children or youth.

5 (2) Cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities may enact
6 laws and ordinances:

7 (a) Restricting the discharge of firearms in any portion of their
8 respective jurisdictions where there is a reasonable likelihood that
9 humans, domestic animals, or property will be jeopardized. Such laws
10 and ordinances shall not abridge the right of the individual
11 guaranteed by Article I, section 24 of the state Constitution to bear
12 arms in defense of self or others; and

13 (b) Restricting the possession of firearms in any stadium or
14 convention center, operated by a city, town, county, or other
15 municipality, except that such restrictions shall not apply to:

16 (i) Any pistol in the possession of a person licensed under RCW
17 9.41.070 or exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060; or

18 (ii) Any showing, demonstration, or lecture involving the
19 exhibition of firearms.

20 (3)(a) Cities, towns, and counties may enact ordinances
21 restricting the areas in their respective jurisdictions in which
22 firearms may be sold, but, except as provided in (b) of this
23 subsection, a business selling firearms may not be treated more
24 restrictively than other businesses located within the same zone. An
25 ordinance requiring the cessation of business within a zone shall not
26 have a shorter grandfather period for businesses selling firearms
27 than for any other businesses within the zone.

28 (b) Cities, towns, and counties may restrict the location of a
29 business selling firearms to not less than five hundred feet from
30 primary or secondary school grounds, if the business has a
31 storefront, has hours during which it is open for business, and posts
32 advertisements or signs observable to passersby that firearms are
33 available for sale. A business selling firearms that exists as of the
34 date a restriction is enacted under this subsection (3)(b) shall be
35 grandfathered according to existing law.

36 (4) Violations of local ordinances adopted under subsection (2)
37 of this section must have the same penalty as provided for by state
38 law.

39 (5) The perimeter of the premises of any specific location
40 covered by subsection (1) of this section shall be posted at

1 reasonable intervals to alert the public as to the existence of any
2 law restricting the possession of firearms on the premises.

3 (6) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

4 (a) A person engaged in military activities sponsored by the
5 federal or state governments, while engaged in official duties;

6 (b) Law enforcement personnel, except that subsection (1)(b) of
7 this section does apply to a law enforcement officer who is present
8 at a courthouse building as a party to an action under chapter 10.14,
9 10.99, or 26.50 RCW, or an action under Title 26 RCW where any party
10 has alleged the existence of domestic violence as defined in RCW
11 26.50.010; or

12 (c) Security personnel while engaged in official duties.

13 (7) Subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), and (e) of this section does not
14 apply to correctional personnel or community corrections officers, as
15 long as they are employed as such, who have completed government-
16 sponsored law enforcement firearms training, except that subsection
17 (1)(b) of this section does apply to a correctional employee or
18 community corrections officer who is present at a courthouse building
19 as a party to an action under chapter 10.14, 10.99, or 26.50 RCW, or
20 an action under Title 26 RCW where any party has alleged the
21 existence of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010.

22 (8) Subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply to a person
23 licensed pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who, upon entering the place or
24 facility, directly and promptly proceeds to the administrator of the
25 facility or the administrator's designee and obtains written
26 permission to possess the firearm while on the premises or checks his
27 or her firearm. The person may reclaim the firearms upon leaving but
28 must immediately and directly depart from the place or facility.

29 (9) Subsection (1)(c) of this section does not apply to any
30 administrator or employee of the facility or to any person who, upon
31 entering the place or facility, directly and promptly proceeds to the
32 administrator of the facility or the administrator's designee and
33 obtains written permission to possess the firearm while on the
34 premises.

35 (10) Subsection (1)(d) of this section does not apply to the
36 proprietor of the premises or his or her employees while engaged in
37 their employment.

38 (11) Government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training must
39 be training that correctional personnel and community corrections
40 officers receive as part of their job requirement and reference to

1 such training does not constitute a mandate that it be provided by
2 the correctional facility.

3 (12) Any person violating subsection (1) of this section is
4 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

5 (13) "Weapon" as used in this section means any firearm,
6 explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or instrument or weapon listed
7 in RCW 9.41.250.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 The department must adopt rules to implement sections 1 and 2 of
11 this act.

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