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By Representatives Forner, Ballasiotes, Riley and Johanson; by request of Administrator for the Courts

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1 AN ACT Relating to weapons; amending RCW 9.41.300; and prescribing
2 penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.300 and 1985 c 428 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

9 (a) The restricted access areas of a jail, or of a law enforcement
10 facility, or any place used for the confinement of a person (i)
11 arrested for, charged with, or convicted of an offense, (ii) charged
12 with being or adjudicated to be a juvenile offender as defined in RCW
13 13.40.020, (iii) held for extradition or as a material witness, or (iv)
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) (~~A courtroom or judge's chamber, while either is being used~~
18 ~~for any judicial proceeding. This does not include common areas of~~
19 ~~egress and ingress of the courthouse)) Those areas in any building~~

1 which are used in connection with court proceedings, including
2 courtrooms, jury rooms, judge's chambers, offices and areas used to
3 conduct court business, waiting areas, and corridors adjacent to areas
4 used in connection with court proceedings.

5 The local court shall designate and clearly mark those areas where
6 weapons are prohibited;

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

13 (d) That portion of an establishment classified by the state liquor
14 control board as off-limits to persons under twenty-one years of age.

15 (2) Notwithstanding RCW 9.41.290, cities, towns, counties, and
16 other municipalities may enact laws and ordinances:

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

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

26 (i) Any firearm in the possession of a person licensed under RCW
27 9.41.070; or

28 (ii) Any showing, demonstration, or lecture involving the
29 exhibition of firearms.

30 (3) The perimeter of the premises of any specific location covered
31 by subsection (1) of this section shall be posted at reasonable
32 intervals to alert the public as to the existence of any law
33 restricting the possession of firearms on the premises.

34 (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

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

37 (b) Law enforcement personnel; or

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

1 (5) Subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply to a person
2 licensed pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who, upon entering the place or
3 facility, directly and promptly proceeds to the administrator of the
4 facility or the administrator's designee and obtains written permission
5 to possess the firearm while on the premises or checks his or her
6 firearm. The person may reclaim the firearms upon leaving but must
7 immediately and directly depart from the place or facility.

8 ~~((Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply to a judge
9 or court employee or to any person licensed under RCW 9.41.070 who,
10 before entering the restricted area, directly and promptly proceeds to
11 the court administrator or the administrator's designee and obtains
12 written permission to possess the firearm.~~

13 ~~(7))~~ Subsection (1)(c) of this section does not apply to any
14 administrator or employee of the facility or to any person who, upon
15 entering the place or facility, directly and promptly proceeds to the
16 administrator of the facility or the administrator's designee and
17 obtains written permission to possess the firearm while on the
18 premises.

19 ~~((8))~~ (7) Subsection (1)(d) of this section does not apply to the
20 proprietor of the premises or his or her employees while engaged in
21 their employment.

22 ~~((9))~~ (8) Any person violating subsection (1) of this section is
23 guilty of a misdemeanor.

24 (9) "Weapon" as used in this section means any firearm, explosive
25 as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or instrument or weapon listed in RCW
26 9.41.250.

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