
HOUSE BILL 2358

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1 AN ACT Relating to possession of pistols by persons under twenty-
2 one years of age; amending RCW 9.41.240; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.240 and 1971 c 34 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) No minor under the age of fourteen years shall handle or have
7 in his or her possession or under his or her control, except while
8 accompanied by or under the immediate charge of his or her parent or
9 guardian or other adult approved for the purpose of this section by the
10 parent or guardian, or while under the supervision of a certified
11 safety instructor at an established gun range or firearm training
12 class, any firearm of any kind for hunting or target practice or for
13 other purposes. ((Every)) Unless subsection (2) of this section
14 applies, a person violating any of the foregoing provisions, or aiding
15 or knowingly permitting any such minor to violate the same, shall be
16 guilty of a misdemeanor.

17 (2) A parent or guardian who, with criminal negligence, permits his
18 or her child under the age of twenty-one years to possess a pistol, is
19 guilty of a gross misdemeanor. This subsection does not apply while

1 the child is accompanied by the parent or guardian, or other adult
2 approved for the purpose of this section by the parent or guardian, or
3 while the child is under the supervision of a certified safety
4 instructor at an established gun range or firearm training class.

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