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1 AN ACT Relating to delivery, purchase, possession, and use of
2 certain personal protection devices; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 35.21 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) No town, city, or county may prohibit a person eighteen years
8 old or older, or a person fourteen years old or older who has the
9 permission of a parent or guardian to do so, from purchasing or
10 possessing a personal protection spray device or from using such a
11 device in a manner consistent with the authorized use of force under
12 RCW 9A.16.020. No town, city, or county may prohibit a person eighteen
13 years old or older from delivering a personal protection spray device
14 to a person authorized to possess such a device.

15 (2) For purposes of this section, "personal protection spray
16 device" means a commercially available dispensing device designed and
17 intended for use in self-defense and containing a nonlethal sternutator
18 or lacrimator agent, including but not limited to:

1 (a) Tear gas, the active ingredient of which is either
2 chloracetophenone (CN) or O-chlorobenzylidene malonotrile (CS); or
3 (b) Other agent commonly known as mace, pepper mace, or pepper gas.
4 (3) Nothing in this section authorizes the delivery, purchase,
5 possession, or use of any device or chemical agent that is otherwise
6 prohibited by state law.

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