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1 AN ACT Relating to carrying concealed pistols; and amending RCW
2 9.41.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.050 and 1996 c 295 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) Except in the person's place of abode or fixed place of
7 business, a person shall not carry a pistol concealed on his or her
8 person without a license to carry a concealed pistol issued under RCW
9 9.41.070, unless the person holds a valid permit or license issued by
10 a state or local agency in another state authorizing the person to
11 carry a concealed firearm.

12 (b) Every licensee shall have his or her concealed pistol license
13 in his or her immediate possession at all times that he or she is
14 required by this section to have a concealed pistol license and shall
15 display the same upon demand to any police officer or to any other
16 person when and if required by law to do so. Any violation of this
17 subsection (1)(b) shall be a class 1 civil infraction under chapter
18 ((7.84)) 7.80 RCW and shall be punished accordingly pursuant to chapter

1 ((7.84)) 7.80 RCW and the infraction rules for courts of limited
2 jurisdiction.

3 (2) A person shall not carry or place a loaded pistol in any
4 vehicle unless the person has a license to carry a concealed pistol
5 and: (a) The pistol is on the licensee's person, (b) the licensee is
6 within the vehicle at all times that the pistol is there, or (c) the
7 licensee is away from the vehicle and the pistol is locked within the
8 vehicle and concealed from view from outside the vehicle.

9 (3) A person at least eighteen years of age who is in possession of
10 an unloaded pistol shall not leave the unloaded pistol in a vehicle
11 unless the unloaded pistol is locked within the vehicle and concealed
12 from view from outside the vehicle.

13 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person may
14 carry a firearm unless it is unloaded and enclosed in an opaque case or
15 secure wrapper or the person is:

16 (a) Licensed under RCW 9.41.070 to carry a concealed pistol;

17 (b) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety
18 course;

19 (c) Engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting
20 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the
21 jurisdiction in which such range is located or any other area where the
22 discharge of a firearm is not prohibited;

23 (d) Engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a
24 firearm, or participating in or practicing for a performance by an
25 organized group that uses firearms as a part of the performance;

26 (e) Engaging in a lawful outdoor recreational activity such as
27 hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, or horseback riding, only if,
28 considering all of the attendant circumstances, including but not
29 limited to whether the person has a valid hunting or fishing license,
30 it is reasonable to conclude that the person is participating in lawful
31 outdoor activities or is traveling to or from a legitimate outdoor
32 recreation area;

33 (f) In an area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted, and
34 is not trespassing;

35 (g) Traveling with any unloaded firearm in the person's possession
36 to or from any activity described in (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this
37 subsection, except as provided in (h) of this subsection;

38 (h) Traveling in a motor vehicle with a firearm, other than a
39 pistol, that is unloaded and locked in the trunk or other compartment

1 of the vehicle, placed in a gun rack, or otherwise secured in place in
2 a vehicle, provided that this subsection (4)(h) does not apply to motor
3 homes if the firearms are not within the driver's compartment of the
4 motor home while the vehicle is in operation. Notwithstanding (a) of
5 this subsection, and subject to federal and state park regulations
6 regarding firearm possession therein, a motor home shall be considered
7 a residence when parked at a recreational park, campground, or other
8 temporary residential setting for the purposes of enforcement of this
9 chapter;

10 (i) On real property under the control of the person or a relative
11 of the person;

12 (j) At his or her residence;

13 (k) Is a member of the armed forces of the United States, national
14 guard, or organized reserves, when on duty;

15 (l) Is a law enforcement officer;

16 (m) Carrying a firearm from or to a vehicle for the purpose of
17 taking or removing the firearm to or from a place of business for
18 repair; or

19 (n) An armed private security guard or armed private detective
20 licensed by the department of licensing, while on duty or enroute to
21 and from employment.

22 (5) Violation of any of the prohibitions of subsections (2) through
23 (4) of this section is a misdemeanor.

24 (6) Nothing in this section permits the possession of firearms
25 illegal to possess under state or federal law.

26 (7) Any city, town, or county may enact an ordinance to exempt
27 itself from the prohibition of subsection (4) of this section.

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