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SENATE BILL 5315

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, Regala and Thibaudeau

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1            AN ACT Relating to ballistics imaging; amending RCW 43.43.500 and  
2 43.43.510; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) Any manufacturer or importer licensed by  
5 the United States secretary of the treasury that ships or transports a  
6 pistol or rifle to be sold, rented, or transferred in the state shall  
7 include in the box with the firearm in a separate sealed container:

8            (a) A projectile discharged from that firearm;

9            (b) A spent cartridge casing of the projectile discharged from that  
10 firearm; and

11            (c) Additional information that identifies the specific firearm and  
12 cartridge as required by chief of the Washington state patrol.

13            (2) Upon receipt of a pistol or rifle from the manufacturer or  
14 importer, the dealer shall confirm to the Washington state patrol that  
15 the manufacturer or importer complied with subsection (1) of this  
16 section.

17            (3) Upon the sale or transfer of the pistol or rifle, the dealer  
18 shall forward the sealed container to the Washington state patrol crime

1 information center. The crime information center shall enter the  
2 ballistics image and other required information in a ballistics imaging  
3 data base.

4 (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall adopt rules to  
5 carry out the provisions of this section.

6 (5) For the purposes of this section, "ballistics image" means the  
7 unique characteristics that each firearm imprints on projectiles and  
8 spent cartridge casings.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.43.500 and 1998 c 67 s 1 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 There is established the Washington state crime information center  
12 to be located in the records division of the Washington state patrol  
13 and to function under the direction of the chief of the Washington  
14 state patrol. The center shall serve to coordinate crime information,  
15 by means of data processing, for all law enforcement agencies in the  
16 state. It shall make such use of the facilities of the law enforcement  
17 teletype system as is practical. It shall provide access to the  
18 national crime information center, to motor vehicle and driver license  
19 information, to the sex offender central registry, to the ballistics  
20 imaging data base, and to such other public records as may be accessed  
21 by data processing and which are pertinent to law enforcement.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.43.510 and 1998 c 67 s 2 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 As soon as is practical and feasible there shall be established, by  
25 means of data processing, files listing stolen and wanted vehicles,  
26 outstanding warrants, identifying children whose parents, custodians,  
27 or legal guardians have reported as having run away from home or the  
28 custodial residence, identifiable stolen property, files maintaining  
29 the central registry of sex offenders required to register under  
30 chapter 9A.44 RCW, files maintaining the ballistics imaging data base,  
31 and such other files as may be of general assistance to law enforcement  
32 agencies.

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