

HB 1580 - DIGEST

Provides that no person or business may sell a projectile stun gun in the state of Washington unless the projectile stun gun: (1) Has a maximum charge of less than one hundred thousand volts;

(2) Has a maximum of less than nine joules of energy per pulse;

(3) Has an identification and tracking system which, upon deployment of remote electrodes, disperses coded material traceable to the purchaser through records kept by the manufacturer on all projectile stun guns and all individual cartridges sold, which information shall be made available to any law enforcement agency upon request; and

(4) Is manufactured by a company that offers a training program.

Requires a person selling a projectile stun gun to register the identity of the purchaser with the manufacturer of the projectile stun gun. Such identification shall be verified with a government-issued identification, or by verifying the social security number and address of the purchaser.

Provides that no person or business may sell or give a projectile stun gun to any person who has been convicted of a felony. It is the responsibility of the person selling or giving the projectile stun gun to complete a national criminal history background check to determine if the person purchasing or receiving the projectile stun gun is a felon.

Declares that a person who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Declares that any person who knowingly uses a projectile stun gun against a law enforcement officer is guilty of a class B felony.

Declares that the state of Washington fully occupies and preempts the entire field of regulation of projectile stun guns.