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1 AN ACT Relating to adopting the Washington state right to
2 protection act of 2010 and the constitutional rights of self-defense;
3 adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
6 Washington state right to protection act of 2010.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that the United States
8 was founded on principles of freedom, including freedom from
9 persecution by government. The federal and state governments were not
10 intended to have the powers they have accumulated over the past few
11 decades. Washington citizens have the right of self-defense to protect
12 themselves and others, as established in the United States and
13 Washington state Constitutions and recognized in *District of Columbia*
14 *v. Heller*, 554 U.S. ---, 128 S. Ct. 2783 (2008). No governmental
15 entity has the authority to supersede these constitutional guarantees.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) Any law abiding citizen of Washington state has the right under
2 the United States and Washington state Constitutions to protect
3 themselves and others including, but not limited to:

4 (a) The use of firearms and ammunition;

5 (b) The use of mace or other repellants; and

6 (c) Any other means necessary and appropriate to stop an aggressor.

7 (2) Any law abiding citizen of Washington state has the right to
8 defend himself or herself, unless he or she is in the act of committing
9 a crime, without interference from federal or state agencies.

10 (3) Law abiding citizens of Washington state shall not have their
11 firearms, ammunition, or other means of ensuring their constitutional
12 rights of self-defense waived, restricted, or otherwise burdened by any
13 governmental agency nor shall their firearms, ammunition, or other
14 means of ensuring their constitutional rights of self-defense be
15 marked, tracked, or traced with distinguishing symbols or radio
16 frequency identification dust, chips, tags, paint, or any other direct
17 identifiers.

18 (4) All law abiding citizens of Washington state have a
19 constitutional right to privacy in their homes and vehicles, and other
20 places of domicile and means of transportation, and to remain
21 unmolested therein as long as they are not in the act of committing a
22 crime.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Any federal law, rule, order, or other act
24 by the federal government violating the provisions of this act is
25 hereby declared to be invalid in this state, is not recognized by and
26 is specifically rejected by this state, and is considered as null and
27 void and of no effect in this state.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
29 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
30 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
31 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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