
SENATE BILL 6429

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing use of firearm noise suppression
2 devices by on-duty law enforcement officers; and amending RCW 9.41.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.250 and 2007 c 379 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every person who:

7 (a) Manufactures, sells, ~~((or))~~ disposes of, or possesses any
8 instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand
9 club, or metal knuckles~~((, or))~~;

10 (b) Manufactures, sells, disposes of, or possesses a spring blade
11 knife, or any knife the blade of which is automatically released by a
12 spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having a
13 blade which opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the force
14 of gravity, or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or
15 movement;

16 ~~((b))~~ (c) Furtively carries with intent to conceal any dagger,
17 dirk, pistol, or other dangerous weapon; or

18 ~~((e))~~ (d) Uses any contrivance or device for suppressing the
19 noise of any firearm,

1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

2 (2) Subsection (1)(~~(a)~~) (b) of this section does not apply to:

3 (a) The possession of a spring blade knife by a law enforcement
4 officer while the officer:

5 (i) Is on official duty; or

6 (ii) Is transporting the knife to or from the place where the knife
7 is stored when the officer is not on official duty; or

8 (b) The storage of a spring blade knife by a law enforcement
9 officer.

10 (3) Subsection (1)(d) of this section does not apply to the use of
11 any contrivance or device for suppressing the noise of a firearm by a
12 law enforcement officer while on official duty. However, this
13 subsection only applies to the use of contrivances or devices that have
14 been legally registered in accordance with federal law.

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