
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1508

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By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Probst, and Van De Wege)

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting sport shooting ranges; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 9.41 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In any nuisance action based on noise or noise pollution
7 brought against a person who owns or operates a permanently located and
8 improved sport shooting range, it is an affirmative defense to the
9 nuisance action that the sport shooting range was in operation prior to
10 the date the plaintiff acquired title to the real property adversely
11 affected by the use of the sport shooting range and that there has not
12 been a substantial change in the nature of the use of the sport
13 shooting range since the date the plaintiff acquired title to the
14 adversely affected real property.

15 (2) A person who participates in sport shooting at a sport shooting
16 range accepts the risks associated with the sport to the extent the
17 risks are obvious. Those risks include, but are not limited to,
18 injuries that may result from noise, discharge of a projectile or shot,
19 malfunction of sport shooting equipment not owned by the sport shooting

1 range, natural variations in terrain, surface or subsurface snow or ice
2 conditions, bare spots, rocks, trees, and other forms of natural growth
3 or debris.

4 (3) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, partnership,
6 corporation, club, or other legal entity.

7 (b) "Sport shooting range" means an area designed and operated for
8 the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, trap, black
9 powder, or any other similar sport shooting activities.

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