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By Representatives Scott, Miller, Cole, Riley, Ludwig, Locke, Wineberry, Appelwick, Rasmussen, Wang, Ferguson and Anderson.

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1            AN ACT Relating to handgun control; amending RCW 9.41.010; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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) No licensed firearms dealer shall sell a handgun unless it is  
7 equipped with a trigger-locking device.

8            (2) This section shall not apply to sales of handguns:

9            (a) To a licensed firearms dealer for bona fide resale in the  
10 ordinary course of business; or

11            (b) To an official government law enforcement or armed services  
12 agency.

13            (3) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine  
14 of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than  
15 six months, or both.

1 (4) For the purposes of this section:

2 (a) "Licensed firearms dealer" means a person licensed to sell  
3 firearms pursuant to RCW 9.41.110.

4 (b) "Trigger-locking device" means a padlock, key lock, combination  
5 lock, or similar locking device which, when the device is locked on,  
6 around, or in the firearm, renders the firearm incapable of firing.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.010 and 1983 c 232 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) "Short firearm," (~~or~~) "pistol," or "handgun" as used in this  
10 chapter means any firearm with a barrel less than twelve inches in  
11 length.

12 (2) "Crime of violence" as used in this chapter means:

13 (a) Any of the following felonies, as now existing or hereafter  
14 amended: Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an  
15 attempt to commit a class A felony, criminal solicitation of or  
16 criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony, manslaughter in the  
17 first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, indecent liberties if  
18 committed by forcible compulsion, rape in the second degree, kidnapping  
19 in the second degree, arson in the second degree, assault in the second  
20 degree, extortion in the first degree, burglary in the second degree,  
21 and robbery in the second degree;

22 (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior  
23 to July 1, 1976, which is comparable to a felony classified as a crime  
24 of violence in subsection (2)(a) of this section; and

25 (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense  
26 comparable to a felony classified as a crime of violence under  
27 subsection (2) (a) or (b) of this section.

1           (3) "Firearm" as used in this chapter means a weapon or device from  
2 which a projectile may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder.

3           (4) "Commercial seller" as used in this chapter means a person who  
4 has a federal firearms license.