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1 AN ACT Relating to short-barreled shotguns and short-barreled 2 rifles; amending RCW 9.41.190; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 9.41.190 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 420 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful 6 any person to manufacture, own, buy, sell, loan, 7 for furnish, transport, or have in possession or under control, any machine qun, 8 9 short-barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle; or any part designed 10 and intended solely and exclusively for use in a machine gun, short-11 barreled shotqun, or short-barreled rifle, or in converting a weapon into a machine gun, short-barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle; or 12 13 to assemble or repair any machine gun, short-barreled shotgun, or 14 short-barreled rifle.

15 (2) It is not unlawful for a person to possess, transport, acquire, 16 or transfer a short-barreled shotgun or short-barreled rifle that is 17 legally registered and possessed, transported, acquired, or transferred 18 in accordance with federal law.

19 <u>(3)</u> This section shall not apply to:

1 (a) Any peace officer in the discharge of official duty or 2 traveling to or from official duty, or to any officer or member of the 3 armed forces of the United States or the state of Washington in the 4 discharge of official duty or traveling to or from official duty; or

5 (b) A person, including an employee of such person if the employee 6 has undergone fingerprinting and a background check, who or which is 7 exempt from or licensed under federal law, and engaged in the 8 production, manufacture, repair, or testing of machine guns, short-9 barreled shotguns, or short-barreled rifles:

10 (i) To be used or purchased by the armed forces of the United 11 States;

12 (ii) To be used or purchased by federal, state, county, or 13 municipal law enforcement agencies; or

14 (iii) For exportation in compliance with all applicable federal 15 laws and regulations.

16 (((3))) <u>(4)</u> It shall be an affirmative defense to a prosecution 17 brought under this section that the machine gun((, short-barreled 18 shotgun, or short-barreled rifle)) was acquired prior to July 1, 1994, 19 and is possessed in compliance with federal law.

20 (((++))) (5) Any person violating this section is guilty of a class 21 C felony.

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