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1 AN ACT Relating to children possessing firearms; amending RCW
2 9.41.042; and adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.042 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 403 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 RCW 9.41.040(1)(e) shall not apply to any person under the age of
7 eighteen years who is:

8 (1) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety
9 course;

10 (2) Engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting
11 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the
12 jurisdiction in which such range is located or any other area where the
13 discharge of a firearm is not prohibited;

14 (3) Engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a
15 firearm, or participating in or practicing for a performance by an
16 organized group that uses firearms as a part of the performance;

17 (4) At least ten years of age and is hunting or trapping under a
18 valid license issued to the person under Title 77 RCW, and if the
19 person is under fourteen years of age is under the supervision of a

1 parent, guardian, or other adult approved for that purpose by the
2 parent or guardian;

3 (5) In an area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted, is
4 not trespassing, and the person either: (a) Is at least fourteen years
5 of age, has been issued a hunter safety certificate, and is using a
6 lawful firearm other than a pistol; or (b) is under the supervision of
7 a parent, guardian, or other adult approved for the purpose by the
8 parent or guardian;

9 (6) Traveling with any unloaded firearm in the person's possession
10 to or from any activity described in subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), or
11 (5) of this section;

12 (7) On real property under the control of his or her parent, other
13 relative, or legal guardian and who has the permission of the parent or
14 legal guardian to possess a firearm;

15 (8) At his or her residence and who, with the permission of his or
16 her parent or legal guardian, possesses a firearm for the purpose of
17 exercising the rights specified in RCW 9A.16.020(3); or

18 (9) Is a member of the armed forces of the United States, national
19 guard, or organized reserves, when on duty.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The director shall not issue to a person under ten years of age a
23 hunting license, a sport recreational license, a combination hunting
24 and fishing license, or any other license that allows the holder to
25 hunt in this state.

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