

1 **HB 2078 - H AMD 381**

2 By Representative Carrell

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4 On page 2, after line 14, insert the following:

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6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.36
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Our state Declaration of Rights, article 1, section 24 of
9 the Washington State Constitution provides that, The right of the
10 individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the
11 state, shall not be impaired....-

12 (2) A person shall not be charged with a violation under
13 section 1 of this act if the ability of the person to defend
14 himself or herself, or another person as provided for under RCW
15 9A.16.110, was impaired as a result of any legal requirement to
16 store, leave, or secure, or any potential criminal liability for
17 not storing, leaving, or securing, a loaded firearm in a locked
18 box, gun safe, other secure locked storage space, or with a trigger
19 lock or other similar device that prevents the firearm from
20 discharging.-

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22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
23 references accordingly.

EFFECT: Provides that persons shall not be charged with a violation if their constitutional right to defend themselves or others was impaired as a result of any legal requirement or potential criminal liability regarding storing, leaving, or securing, a loaded firearm.

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