
HOUSE BILL 2676

State of Washington

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By Representatives McDonald and Lantz

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to updating and clarifying the Washington state
2 explosives act; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state
5 explosives act is outdated and references federal statutes and
6 regulations that have since been amended. The legislature also finds
7 that the overlap between the explosives act and the fireworks laws can
8 result in confusion when interpreting the laws.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The chief of the Washington state patrol
10 or her designee shall assemble a task force to review the existing
11 state statutes and rules governing explosives. The task force shall
12 consist of, at the least, one state fire marshal, one representative
13 from the attorney general's office, one representative from the
14 department of labor and industries, one explosives expert, and one
15 representative of the state prosecuting attorneys. The chief or her
16 designee may appoint to the task force any other individuals whom the
17 chief or her designee deems to have expertise in the issues relating to
18 the state explosives act.

1 (2) In conducting its review, the task force shall consider, among
2 other things:

3 (a) The overlap between the explosives act and the fireworks laws;

4 (b) Whether there is a need to modernize the laws because of
5 technological advancements; and

6 (c) Any inconsistencies between the state and federal laws.

7 (3) The task force shall make recommendations to the appropriate
8 committees of the legislature during the 2001 regular session. The
9 task force shall terminate July 1, 2001.

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