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HOUSE BILL 2790

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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Lovick, O'Brien, Radcliff, Constantine, Dickerson, Kenney and Edmonds; by request of Washington State Patrol and Department of General Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to firearms in state capitol buildings; adding a  
2 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) It is unlawful for any person to carry, transport, convey, or  
7 to have in his or her possession or under his or her control any  
8 firearm while within the east state capitol campus grounds, the west  
9 state capitol campus grounds, or the old capitol building. This  
10 section does not apply to a law enforcement officer, security  
11 personnel, or a person engaged in military activities sponsored by the  
12 federal or state government while engaged in official duties. This  
13 section does not apply within the parking area of any parking lot or  
14 parking garage.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section:

16 (a) "East state capitol campus grounds" means those grounds, and  
17 buildings on those grounds, described in RCW 79.24.500 that include the  
18 campus area north of Maple Park (16th Avenue) and south of 11th Avenue,

1 east of Capitol Way and west of Interstate 5 and the Interstate 5  
2 entrance to the state capitol.

3 (b) "West state capitol campus grounds" means those state-owned  
4 grounds, and buildings on those grounds, that constitute the state  
5 capitol grounds west of Capitol Way, including all of the grounds  
6 addressed in the 1928 Olmsted Brothers landscape plan for the state  
7 capitol grounds and the state capitol historic district, as designated  
8 in the National Register of Historic Places, but excluding the area  
9 bounded by Union Avenue on the north, Columbia Street on the west, 11th  
10 Avenue on the south, and Capitol Way on the east.

11 (3) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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