
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2310

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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Franklin, Ludwig, Orr, Wang, Ferguson and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the possession of weapons in court facilities;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW.

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) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it is a
7 misdemeanor for any person to enter or attempt to enter a judge's
8 chamber or courtroom when he or she knowingly possesses or knowingly
9 has under his or her control a firearm or other dangerous weapon.

10 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

11 (a) A person engaged in military activities sponsored by the
12 federal or state government while engaged in official duties;

13 (b) Law enforcement personnel while engaged in official duties; or

14 (c) Security personnel while engaged in official duties.

1 (3) "Dangerous weapon" as used in this section means a weapon,
2 device, instrument, material, or substance which under the
3 circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened
4 to be used, is readily capable of causing death or substantial bodily
5 harm.

6 (4) A law enforcement officer of the state, any county, city, town,
7 or other municipality may confiscate a firearm or other dangerous
8 weapon where there is probable cause to believe that the firearm or
9 weapon is possessed in violation of this section. After confiscation,
10 the firearm or other dangerous weapon shall be surrendered only as
11 provided by RCW 9.41.098.

12 (5) The superior courts and the courts of limited jurisdiction of
13 the state may order forfeiture of a firearm or other dangerous weapon
14 that is proven to be possessed in violation of this section. Any
15 firearm or weapon forfeited under this section shall be disposed of in
16 the manner provided by RCW 9.41.098.

17 (6) Notice of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section
18 shall be posted conspicuously at each entrance to the building,
19 courtroom, and judge's chamber.