
HOUSE BILL 2979

State of Washington 52nd Legislature 1992 Regular Session

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1 AN ACT Relating to terrorism; adding new sections to chapter 9.41
2 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

5 (1) Some individuals have determined that discharging firearms
6 under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life
7 is an appropriate form of conduct.

8 (2) The discharge of firearms under circumstances manifesting an
9 extreme indifference to human life has as an intended consequence the
10 terrorizing of the community where discharge occurs.

11 (3) Current statutes against the discharge of firearms under
12 circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life are
13 inadequate to address the nature and seriousness of the assaults
14 against our communities now being conducted.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are
2 intended to supplement existing laws against the discharge of firearms
3 under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life
4 and may be cited as the anti-terrorist act of 1992.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** It is unlawful for a person to discharge
6 a firearm under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to
7 human life. Violation of sections 2 through 5 of this act is a class
8 A felony.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A firearm used in violation of sections
10 2 through 5 of this act, and an automobile used during the commission
11 of the offense, shall be forfeited to the jurisdiction making the
12 arrest.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** In the event that a person is killed as
14 result of a discharge of a firearm under circumstances manifesting an
15 extreme indifference to human life, the person responsible for the
16 discharge shall be tried for aggravated first degree murder and subject
17 to capital punishment as provided in chapter 10.95 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
19 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
21 persons or circumstances is not affected.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act are
23 each added to chapter 9.41 RCW.