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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Scott, Riley and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to trigger-locking devices; reenacting and amending
2 RCW 9.41.010; adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) No licensed firearms dealer shall sell a handgun unless the
8 dealer (a) offers to sell the purchaser a trigger-locking device, (b)
9 explains the operation of the trigger-locking device, and (c) has had
10 the purchaser initial the purchaser's application form required by RCW
11 9.41.090(4) that he or she does understand that there are trigger-
12 locking devices available for purchase.

13 (2) This section shall not apply to sales of handguns:

14 (a) To a licensed firearms dealer for bona fide resale in the
15 ordinary course of business; or

16 (b) To an official government law enforcement or armed services
17 agency.

18 (3) A first violation of this section shall result in a civil
19 penalty of one hundred dollars. A second violation shall result in a

1 civil penalty of two hundred dollars. A subsequent violation shall
2 result in a thirty-day suspension of the dealer's license.

3 (4) For the purposes of this section:

4 (a) "Licensed firearms dealer" means a person licensed to sell
5 firearms pursuant to RCW 9.41.110.

6 (b) "Trigger-locking device" means a padlock, key lock, combination
7 lock, or similar locking device which, when the device is locked on,
8 around, or in the firearm, renders the firearm incapable of firing.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.010 and 1992 c 205 s 117 and 1992 c 145 s 5 are
10 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

11 (1) "Short firearm," (~~or~~) "pistol," or "handgun" as used in this
12 chapter means any firearm with a barrel less than twelve inches in
13 length.

14 (2) "Crime of violence" as used in this chapter means:

15 (a) Any of the following felonies, as now existing or hereafter
16 amended: Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an
17 attempt to commit a class A felony, criminal solicitation of or
18 criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony, manslaughter in the
19 first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, indecent liberties if
20 committed by forcible compulsion, rape in the second degree, kidnapping
21 in the second degree, arson in the second degree, assault in the second
22 degree, assault of a child in the second degree, extortion in the first
23 degree, burglary in the second degree, and robbery in the second
24 degree;

25 (b) Any conviction or adjudication for a felony offense in effect
26 at any time prior to July 1, 1976, which is comparable to a felony
27 classified as a crime of violence in subsection (2)(a) of this section;
28 and

29 (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction or adjudication for an
30 offense comparable to a felony classified as a crime of violence under
31 subsection (2) (a) or (b) of this section.

32 (3) "Firearm" as used in this chapter means a weapon or device from
33 which a projectile may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder.

34 (4) "Commercial seller" as used in this chapter means a person who
35 has a federal firearms license.

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