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1 AN ACT Relating to regulations related to restricting firearms
2 and dangerous weapons in early learning facilities; adding a new
3 section to chapter 9.41 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.216
4 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

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

8 (1) It is unlawful for a person to carry onto, or to possess on,
9 licensed child care center premises, child care center-provided
10 transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively
11 by a child care center:

12 (a) Any firearm;

13 (b) Any other dangerous weapon as described in RCW 9.41.250;

14 (c) Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed
15 to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of
16 compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas; or

17 (d)(i) Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon
18 and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile
19 stun gun that projects wired probes that are attached to the device
20 that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or
21 an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse; or

1 (ii) Any device, object, or instrument that is used or intended
2 to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an
3 electric shock, charge, or impulse.

4 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section is
5 guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If a person is convicted of a
6 violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person shall have
7 his or her concealed pistol license, if any, revoked for a period of
8 three years. Anyone convicted under subsection (1)(a) of this section
9 is prohibited from applying for a concealed pistol license for a
10 period of three years from the date of conviction. The court shall
11 send notice of the concealed pistol license revocation to the
12 department of licensing and the city, town, or county that issued the
13 concealed pistol license.

14 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

15 (a) Family day care provider homes as defined in RCW 43.216.010;

16 (b) Any person at least eighteen years of age legally in
17 possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an
18 attended vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended
19 vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the child care
20 center; or

21 (c) Any law enforcement officer of a federal, state, or local
22 government agency.

23 (4) Child care centers must post "GUN-FREE ZONE" signs giving
24 warning of the prohibition of the possession of firearms on center
25 premises.

26 (5) A child care center that is located on public or private
27 elementary or secondary school premises is subject to the
28 requirements of RCW 9.41.280.

29 (6) For the purposes of this section, child care center has the
30 same meaning as "child day care center" as defined in RCW 43.216.010.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) Every child day care center and early childhood education and
34 assistance program provider is subject to section 1 of this act.

35 (2)(a) A family day care provider must store any firearm,
36 ammunition, or other dangerous weapon as described in RCW 9.41.250 in
37 a secure area when children are present on the premises.

38 (b) The secure area must be inaccessible to children and must
39 consist of a locked gun safe or a locked room. If stored in a locked

1 room, each firearm must be stored unloaded and with a trigger lock or
2 other disabling feature.

3 (3) The department may deny, suspend, revoke, modify or not renew
4 the license of a child care provider in violation of this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The department must adopt rules to implement sections 1 and 2 of
8 this act.

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