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CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5006** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

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**By** Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Pedersen, Rivers, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Mullet, Nobles, Stanford, and Valdez)

READ FIRST TIME 01/20/23.

1       AN ACT Relating to clarifying waiver of firearm rights; amending  
2   RCW 9.41.040, 9.41.350, and 9.41.352; reenacting and amending RCW  
3   9.41.010; adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and prescribing  
4   penalties.

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

6       **Sec. 1.**   RCW 9.41.010 and 2022 c 105 s 2 and 2022 c 104 s 2 are  
7   each reenacted to read as follows:

8       Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
9   this section apply throughout this chapter.

10      (1) "Antique firearm" means a firearm or replica of a firearm not  
11   designed or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional center fire  
12   ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898,  
13   including any matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type  
14   of ignition system and also any firearm using fixed ammunition  
15   manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer  
16   manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the  
17   ordinary channels of commercial trade.

18      (2) "Assemble" means to fit together component parts.

19      (3) "Barrel length" means the distance from the bolt face of a  
20   closed action down the length of the axis of the bore to the crown of

1 the muzzle, or in the case of a barrel with attachments to the end of  
2 any legal device permanently attached to the end of the muzzle.

3 (4) "Bump-fire stock" means a butt stock designed to be attached  
4 to a semiautomatic firearm with the effect of increasing the rate of  
5 fire achievable with the semiautomatic firearm to that of a fully  
6 automatic firearm by using the energy from the recoil of the firearm  
7 to generate reciprocating action that facilitates repeated activation  
8 of the trigger.

9 (5) "Crime of violence" means:

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

20 (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time  
21 prior to June 6, 1996, which is comparable to a felony classified as  
22 a crime of violence in (a) of this subsection; and

23 (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense  
24 comparable to a felony classified as a crime of violence under (a) or  
25 (b) of this subsection.

26 (6) "Curio or relic" has the same meaning as provided in 27  
27 C.F.R. Sec. 478.11.

28 (7) "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling  
29 firearms at wholesale or retail who has, or is required to have, a  
30 federal firearms license under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(a). A person who  
31 does not have, and is not required to have, a federal firearms  
32 license under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(a), is not a dealer if that person  
33 makes only occasional sales, exchanges, or purchases of firearms for  
34 the enhancement of a personal collection or for a hobby, or sells all  
35 or part of his or her personal collection of firearms.

36 (8) "Distribute" means to give out, provide, make available, or  
37 deliver a firearm or large capacity magazine to any person in this  
38 state, with or without consideration, whether the distributor is in-  
39 state or out-of-state. "Distribute" includes, but is not limited to,  
40 filling orders placed in this state, online or otherwise.

1 "Distribute" also includes causing a firearm or large capacity  
2 magazine to be delivered in this state.

3 (9) "Family or household member" has the same meaning as in RCW  
4 7.105.010.

5 (10) "Federal firearms dealer" means a licensed dealer as defined  
6 in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a)(11).

7 (11) "Federal firearms importer" means a licensed importer as  
8 defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a)(9).

9 (12) "Federal firearms manufacturer" means a licensed  
10 manufacturer as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a)(10).

11 (13) "Felony" means any felony offense under the laws of this  
12 state or any federal or out-of-state offense comparable to a felony  
13 offense under the laws of this state.

14 (14) "Felony firearm offender" means a person who has previously  
15 been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity in this  
16 state of any felony firearm offense. A person is not a felony firearm  
17 offender under this chapter if any and all qualifying offenses have  
18 been the subject of an expungement, pardon, annulment, certificate,  
19 or rehabilitation, or other equivalent procedure based on a finding  
20 of the rehabilitation of the person convicted or a pardon, annulment,  
21 or other equivalent procedure based on a finding of innocence.

22 (15) "Felony firearm offense" means:

23 (a) Any felony offense that is a violation of this chapter;

24 (b) A violation of RCW 9A.36.045;

25 (c) A violation of RCW 9A.56.300;

26 (d) A violation of RCW 9A.56.310;

27 (e) Any felony offense if the offender was armed with a firearm  
28 in the commission of the offense.

29 (16) "Firearm" means a weapon or device from which a projectile  
30 or projectiles may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder.  
31 "Firearm" does not include a flare gun or other pyrotechnic visual  
32 distress signaling device, or a powder-actuated tool or other device  
33 designed solely to be used for construction purposes.

34 (17) (a) "Frame or receiver" means a part of a firearm that, when  
35 the complete firearm is assembled, is visible from the exterior and  
36 provides housing or a structure designed to hold or integrate one or  
37 more fire control components, even if pins or other attachments are  
38 required to connect the fire control components. Any such part  
39 identified with a serial number shall be presumed, absent an official  
40 determination by the bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and

1 explosives or other reliable evidence to the contrary, to be a frame  
2 or receiver.

3 (b) For purposes of this subsection, "fire control component"  
4 means a component necessary for the firearm to initiate, complete, or  
5 continue the firing sequence, including any of the following: Hammer,  
6 bolt, bolt carrier, breechblock, cylinder, trigger mechanism, firing  
7 pin, striker, or slide rails.

8 (18) "Gun" has the same meaning as firearm.

9 (19) "Import" means to move, transport, or receive an item from a  
10 place outside the territorial limits of the state of Washington to a  
11 place inside the territorial limits of the state of Washington.  
12 "Import" does not mean situations where an individual possesses a  
13 large capacity magazine when departing from, and returning to,  
14 Washington state, so long as the individual is returning to  
15 Washington in possession of the same large capacity magazine the  
16 individual transported out of state.

17 (20) "Intimate partner" has the same meaning as provided in RCW  
18 7.105.010.

19 (21) "Large capacity magazine" means an ammunition feeding device  
20 with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition, or any  
21 conversion kit, part, or combination of parts, from which such a  
22 device can be assembled if those parts are in possession of or under  
23 the control of the same person, but shall not be construed to include  
24 any of the following:

25 (a) An ammunition feeding device that has been permanently  
26 altered so that it cannot accommodate more than 10 rounds of  
27 ammunition;

28 (b) A 22 caliber tube ammunition feeding device; or

29 (c) A tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action  
30 firearm.

31 (22) "Law enforcement officer" includes a general authority  
32 Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020, or a specially  
33 commissioned Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020.  
34 "Law enforcement officer" also includes a limited authority  
35 Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020 if such officer  
36 is duly authorized by his or her employer to carry a concealed  
37 pistol.

38 (23) "Lawful permanent resident" has the same meaning afforded a  
39 person "lawfully admitted for permanent residence" in 8 U.S.C. Sec.  
40 1101(a)(20).

1       (24) "Licensed collector" means a person who is federally  
2 licensed under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(b).

3       (25) "Licensed dealer" means a person who is federally licensed  
4 under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(a).

5       (26) "Loaded" means:

6           (a) There is a cartridge in the chamber of the firearm;

7           (b) Cartridges are in a clip that is locked in place in the  
8 firearm;

9           (c) There is a cartridge in the cylinder of the firearm, if the  
10 firearm is a revolver;

11          (d) There is a cartridge in the tube or magazine that is inserted  
12 in the action; or

13          (e) There is a ball in the barrel and the firearm is capped or  
14 primed if the firearm is a muzzle loader.

15       (27) "Machine gun" means any firearm known as a machine gun,  
16 mechanical rifle, submachine gun, or any other mechanism or  
17 instrument not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot  
18 and having a reservoir clip, disc, drum, belt, or other separable  
19 mechanical device for storing, carrying, or supplying ammunition  
20 which can be loaded into the firearm, mechanism, or instrument, and  
21 fired therefrom at the rate of five or more shots per second.

22       (28) "Manufacture" means, with respect to a firearm or large  
23 capacity magazine, the fabrication, making, formation, production, or  
24 construction of a firearm or large capacity magazine, by manual labor  
25 or by machinery.

26       (29) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,  
27 psychologist, or physician assistant working with a supervising  
28 psychiatrist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner,  
29 psychiatric nurse, social worker, mental health counselor, marriage  
30 and family therapist, or such other mental health professionals as  
31 may be defined in statute or by rules adopted by the department of  
32 health pursuant to the provisions of chapter 71.05 RCW.

33       (30) "Nonimmigrant alien" means a person defined as such in 8  
34 U.S.C. Sec. 1101(a)(15).

35       ((+30))) (31) "Person" means any individual, corporation,  
36 company, association, firm, partnership, club, organization, society,  
37 joint stock company, or other legal entity.

38       ((+31))) (32) "Pistol" means any firearm with a barrel less than  
39 16 inches in length, or is designed to be held and fired by the use  
40 of a single hand.

1       ((+32))) (33) "Rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made  
2 or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or  
3 redesigned, made or remade, and intended to use the energy of the  
4 explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single  
5 projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.

6       ((+33))) (34) "Sale" and "sell" mean the actual approval of the  
7 delivery of a firearm in consideration of payment or promise of  
8 payment.

9       ((+34))) (35) "Secure gun storage" means:

10       (a) A locked box, gun safe, or other secure locked storage space  
11 that is designed to prevent unauthorized use or discharge of a  
12 firearm; and

13       (b) The act of keeping an unloaded firearm stored by such means.

14       ((+35))) (36)(a) "Semiautomatic assault rifle" means any rifle  
15 which utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to  
16 extract the fired cartridge case and chamber the next round, and  
17 which requires a separate pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge.

18       (b) "Semiautomatic assault rifle" does not include antique  
19 firearms, any firearm that has been made permanently inoperable, or  
20 any firearm that is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide  
21 action.

22       ((+36))) (37) "Serious offense" means any of the following  
23 felonies or a felony attempt to commit any of the following felonies,  
24 as now existing or hereafter amended:

25       (a) Any crime of violence;

26       (b) Any felony violation of the uniform controlled substances  
27 act, chapter 69.50 RCW, that is classified as a class B felony or  
28 that has a maximum term of imprisonment of at least 10 years;

29       (c) Child molestation in the second degree;

30       (d) Incest when committed against a child under age 14;

31       (e) Indecent liberties;

32       (f) Leading organized crime;

33       (g) Promoting prostitution in the first degree;

34       (h) Rape in the third degree;

35       (i) Drive-by shooting;

36       (j) Sexual exploitation;

37       (k) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving of  
38 a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating  
39 liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a  
40 reckless manner;

1       (1) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of  
2 any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating  
3 liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation  
4 of any vehicle in a reckless manner;

5       (m) Any other class B felony offense with a finding of sexual  
6 motivation, as "sexual motivation" is defined under RCW 9.94A.030;

7       (n) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW  
8 9.94A.825;

9       (o) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to June 6,  
10 1996, that is comparable to a serious offense, or any federal or out-  
11 of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state  
12 would be a felony classified as a serious offense; or

13       (p) Any felony conviction under RCW 9.41.115.

14       ((+37))) (38) "Short-barreled rifle" means a rifle having one or  
15 more barrels less than 16 inches in length and any weapon made from a  
16 rifle by any means of modification if such modified weapon has an  
17 overall length of less than 26 inches.

18       ((+38))) (39) "Short-barreled shotgun" means a shotgun having one  
19 or more barrels less than 18 inches in length and any weapon made  
20 from a shotgun by any means of modification if such modified weapon  
21 has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

22       ((+39))) (40) "Shotgun" means a weapon with one or more barrels,  
23 designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from  
24 the shoulder and designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended  
25 to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire  
26 through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single  
27 projectile for each single pull of the trigger.

28       ((+40))) (41) "Substance use disorder professional" means a  
29 person certified under chapter 18.205 RCW.

30       (42) "Transfer" means the intended delivery of a firearm to  
31 another person without consideration of payment or promise of payment  
32 including, but not limited to, gifts and loans. "Transfer" does not  
33 include the delivery of a firearm owned or leased by an entity  
34 licensed or qualified to do business in the state of Washington to,  
35 or return of such a firearm by, any of that entity's employees or  
36 agents, defined to include volunteers participating in an honor  
37 guard, for lawful purposes in the ordinary course of business.

38       ((+41))) (43) "Undetectable firearm" means any firearm that is  
39 not as detectable as 3.7 ounces of 17-4 PH stainless steel by walk-  
40 through metal detectors or magnetometers commonly used at airports or

1 any firearm where the barrel, the slide or cylinder, or the frame or  
2 receiver of the firearm would not generate an image that accurately  
3 depicts the shape of the part when examined by the types of X-ray  
4 machines commonly used at airports.

5 ((42)) (44)(a) "Unfinished frame or receiver" means a frame or  
6 receiver that is partially complete, disassembled, or inoperable,  
7 that: (i) Has reached a stage in manufacture where it may readily be  
8 completed, assembled, converted, or restored to a functional state;  
9 or (ii) is marketed or sold to the public to become or be used as the  
10 frame or receiver of a functional firearm once finished or completed,  
11 including without limitation products marketed or sold to the public  
12 as an 80 percent frame or receiver or unfinished frame or receiver.

13 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

14 (i) "Readily" means a process that is fairly or reasonably  
15 efficient, quick, and easy, but not necessarily the most efficient,  
16 speedy, or easy process. Factors relevant in making this  
17 determination, with no single one controlling, include the following:  
18 (A) Time, i.e., how long it takes to finish the process; (B) ease,  
19 i.e., how difficult it is to do so; (C) expertise, i.e., what  
20 knowledge and skills are required; (D) equipment, i.e., what tools  
21 are required; (E) availability, i.e., whether additional parts are  
22 required, and how easily they can be obtained; (F) expense, i.e., how  
23 much it costs; (G) scope, i.e., the extent to which the subject of  
24 the process must be changed to finish it; and (H) feasibility, i.e.,  
25 whether the process would damage or destroy the subject of the  
26 process, or cause it to malfunction.

27 (ii) "Partially complete," as it modifies frame or receiver,  
28 means a forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body, or  
29 similar article that has reached a stage in manufacture where it is  
30 clearly identifiable as an unfinished component part of a firearm.

31 ((43)) (45) "Unlicensed person" means any person who is not a  
32 licensed dealer under this chapter.

33 ((44)) (46) "Untraceable firearm" means any firearm  
34 manufactured after July 1, 2019, that is not an antique firearm and  
35 that cannot be traced by law enforcement by means of a serial number  
36 affixed to the firearm by a federal firearms manufacturer, federal  
37 firearms importer, or federal firearms dealer in compliance with all  
38 federal laws and regulations.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.040 and 2022 c 268 s 28 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3           (1) (a) A person, whether an adult or juvenile, is guilty of the  
4 crime of unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree, if the  
5 person owns, has in his or her possession, or has in his or her  
6 control any firearm after having previously been convicted or found  
7 not guilty by reason of insanity in this state or elsewhere of any  
8 serious offense as defined in this chapter.

9           (b) Unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree is a  
10 class B felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

11          (2) (a) A person, whether an adult or juvenile, is guilty of the  
12 crime of unlawful possession of a firearm in the second degree, if  
13 the person does not qualify under subsection (1) of this section for  
14 the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree and  
15 the person owns, has in his or her possession, or has in his or her  
16 control any firearm:

17           (i) After having previously been convicted or found not guilty by  
18 reason of insanity in this state or elsewhere of any felony not  
19 specifically listed as prohibiting firearm possession under  
20 subsection (1) of this section, or any of the following crimes when  
21 committed by one family or household member against another or by one  
22 intimate partner against another, as those terms are defined by the  
23 statutes in effect at the time of the commission of the crime,  
24 committed on or after July 1, 1993: Assault in the fourth degree,  
25 coercion, stalking, reckless endangerment, criminal trespass in the  
26 first degree, or violation of the provisions of a protection order or  
27 no-contact order restraining the person or excluding the person from  
28 a residence (RCW 10.99.040 or any of the former RCW 26.50.060,  
29 26.50.070, and 26.50.130);

30           (ii) After having previously been convicted or found not guilty  
31 by reason of insanity in this state or elsewhere of harassment when  
32 committed by one family or household member against another or by one  
33 intimate partner against another, committed on or after June 7, 2018;

34           (iii) After having previously been convicted or found not guilty  
35 by reason of insanity in this state or elsewhere of a violation of  
36 the provisions of a protection order under chapter 7.105 RCW  
37 restraining the person or excluding the person from a residence, when  
38 committed by one family or household member against another or by one  
39 intimate partner against another, committed on or after July 1, 2022;

1       (iv) During any period of time that the person is subject to a  
2 court order issued under chapter 7.105, 9A.46, 10.99, 26.09, 26.26A,  
3 or 26.26B RCW or any of the former chapters 7.90, 7.92, 10.14, and  
4 26.50 RCW that:

5           (A) Was issued after a hearing for which the person received  
6 actual notice, and at which the person had an opportunity to  
7 participate, whether the court then issues a full order or reissues a  
8 temporary order. If the court enters an agreed order by the parties  
9 without a hearing, such an order meets the requirements of this  
10 subsection;

11          (B) Restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening  
12 the person protected under the order or child of the person or  
13 protected person, or engaging in other conduct that would place the  
14 protected person in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the protected  
15 person or child; and

16          (C) (I) Includes a finding that the person represents a credible  
17 threat to the physical safety of the protected person or child or by  
18 its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened  
19 use of physical force against the protected person or child that  
20 would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury; or

21          (II) Includes an order under RCW 9.41.800 requiring the person to  
22 surrender all firearms and prohibiting the person from accessing,  
23 having in his or her custody or control, possessing, purchasing,  
24 receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive, firearms;

25          (v) After having previously been involuntarily committed based on  
26 a mental disorder under RCW 71.05.240, 71.05.320, 71.34.740,  
27 71.34.750, chapter 10.77 RCW, or equivalent statutes of another  
28 jurisdiction, unless his or her right to possess a firearm has been  
29 restored as provided in RCW 9.41.047;

30          (vi) After dismissal of criminal charges based on incompetency to  
31 stand trial under RCW 10.77.088 when the court has made a finding  
32 indicating that the defendant has a history of one or more violent  
33 acts, unless his or her right to possess a firearm has been restored  
34 as provided in RCW 9.41.047;

35          (vii) If the person is under 18 years of age, except as provided  
36 in RCW 9.41.042; and/or

37          (viii) If the person is free on bond or personal recognizance  
38 pending trial, appeal, or sentencing for a serious offense as defined  
39 in RCW 9.41.010.

1       (b) Unlawful possession of a firearm in the second degree is a  
2 class C felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

3           (3) Notwithstanding RCW 9.41.047 or any other provisions of law,  
4 as used in this chapter, a person has been "convicted," whether in an  
5 adult court or adjudicated in a juvenile court, at such time as a  
6 plea of guilty has been accepted or a verdict of guilty has been  
7 filed, notwithstanding the pendency of any future proceedings  
8 including, but not limited to, sentencing or disposition, post-trial  
9 or post-fact-finding motions, and appeals. Conviction includes a  
10 dismissal entered after a period of probation, suspension, or  
11 deferral of sentence, and also includes equivalent dispositions by  
12 courts in jurisdictions other than Washington state. A person shall  
13 not be precluded from possession of a firearm if the conviction has  
14 been the subject of a pardon, annulment, certificate of  
15 rehabilitation, or other equivalent procedure based on a finding of  
16 the rehabilitation of the person convicted or the conviction or  
17 disposition has been the subject of a pardon, annulment, or other  
18 equivalent procedure based on a finding of innocence. Where no record  
19 of the court's disposition of the charges can be found, there shall  
20 be a rebuttable presumption that the person was not convicted of the  
21 charge.

22       (4) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) or (2) of this section, a  
23 person convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of an  
24 offense prohibiting the possession of a firearm under this section  
25 other than murder, manslaughter, robbery, rape, indecent liberties,  
26 arson, assault, kidnapping, extortion, burglary, or violations with  
27 respect to controlled substances under RCW 69.50.401 and 69.50.410,  
28 who received a probationary sentence under RCW 9.95.200, and who  
29 received a dismissal of the charge under RCW 9.95.240, shall not be  
30 precluded from possession of a firearm as a result of the conviction  
31 or finding of not guilty by reason of insanity. Notwithstanding any  
32 other provisions of this section, if a person is prohibited from  
33 possession of a firearm under subsection (1) or (2) of this section  
34 and has not previously been convicted or found not guilty by reason  
35 of insanity of a sex offense prohibiting firearm ownership under  
36 subsection (1) or (2) of this section and/or any felony defined under  
37 any law as a class A felony or with a maximum sentence of at least 20  
38 years, or both, the individual may petition a court of record to have  
39 his or her right to possess a firearm restored:

40           (i) Under RCW 9.41.047; and/or

1       (ii) (A) If the conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of  
2 insanity was for a felony offense, after five or more consecutive  
3 years in the community without being convicted or found not guilty by  
4 reason of insanity or currently charged with any felony, gross  
5 misdemeanor, or misdemeanor crimes, if the individual has no prior  
6 felony convictions that prohibit the possession of a firearm counted  
7 as part of the offender score under RCW 9.94A.525; or

8       (B) If the conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of  
9 insanity was for a nonfelony offense, after three or more consecutive  
10 years in the community without being convicted or found not guilty by  
11 reason of insanity or currently charged with any felony, gross  
12 misdemeanor, or misdemeanor crimes, if the individual has no prior  
13 felony convictions that prohibit the possession of a firearm counted  
14 as part of the offender score under RCW 9.94A.525 and the individual  
15 has completed all conditions of the sentence.

16      (b) An individual may petition a court of record to have his or  
17 her right to possess a firearm restored under (a) of this subsection  
18 only at:

19       (i) The court of record that ordered the petitioner's prohibition  
20 on possession of a firearm; or

21       (ii) The superior court in the county in which the petitioner  
22 resides.

23      (5) In addition to any other penalty provided for by law, if a  
24 person under the age of 18 years is found by a court to have  
25 possessed a firearm in a vehicle in violation of subsection (1) or  
26 (2) of this section or to have committed an offense while armed with  
27 a firearm during which offense a motor vehicle served an integral  
28 function, the court shall notify the department of licensing within  
29 24 hours and the person's privilege to drive shall be revoked under  
30 RCW 46.20.265, unless the offense is the juvenile's first offense in  
31 violation of this section and has not committed an offense while  
32 armed with a firearm, an unlawful possession of a firearm offense, or  
33 an offense in violation of chapter 66.44, 69.52, 69.41, or 69.50 RCW.

34      (6) Nothing in chapter 129, Laws of 1995 shall ever be construed  
35 or interpreted as preventing an offender from being charged and  
36 subsequently convicted for the separate felony crimes of theft of a  
37 firearm or possession of a stolen firearm, or both, in addition to  
38 being charged and subsequently convicted under this section for  
39 unlawful possession of a firearm in the first or second degree.  
40 Notwithstanding any other law, if the offender is convicted under

1 this section for unlawful possession of a firearm in the first or  
2 second degree and for the felony crimes of theft of a firearm or  
3 possession of a stolen firearm, or both, then the offender shall  
4 serve consecutive sentences for each of the felony crimes of  
5 conviction listed in this subsection.

6 (7) (a) A person, whether an adult or a juvenile, commits the  
7 civil infraction of unlawful possession of a firearm if the person  
8 has in the person's possession or has in the person's control a  
9 firearm after the person files a voluntary waiver of firearm rights  
10 under RCW 9.41.350 and the form has been accepted by the clerk of the  
11 court and the voluntary waiver has not been lawfully revoked.

12 (b) The civil infraction of unlawful possession of a firearm is a  
13 class 4 civil infraction punishable according to chapter 7.80 RCW.

14 (c) Each firearm unlawfully possessed under this subsection (7)  
15 shall be a separate infraction.

16 (d) The court may, in its discretion, order performance of up to  
17 two hours of community restitution in lieu of a monetary penalty  
18 prescribed for a civil infraction under this subsection (7).

19 (8) Each firearm unlawfully possessed under this section shall be  
20 a separate offense.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.41.350 and 2018 c 145 s 1 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) A person may file a voluntary waiver of firearm rights,  
24 either in writing or electronically, with the clerk of the court in  
25 any county in Washington state. The clerk of the court must request a  
26 physical or scanned copy of photo identification to verify the  
27 person's identity prior to accepting the form. The person filing the  
28 form may provide ((an alternate person to be contacted if a voluntary  
29 waiver of firearm rights is)) the name of a family member, mental  
30 health professional, substance use disorder professional, or  
31 alternate person to be contacted if the filer attempts to purchase a  
32 firearm while the voluntary waiver of firearm rights is in effect or  
33 if the filer applies to have the voluntary waiver revoked. The clerk  
34 of the court must immediately give notice to the person filing the  
35 form and any listed family member, mental health professional,  
36 substance use disorder professional, or alternate person if the  
37 filer's voluntary waiver of firearm rights has been accepted. The  
38 notice must state that the filer's possession or control of a firearm  
39 is unlawful under RCW 9.41.040(7) and that any firearm in the filer's

1 possession or control should be surrendered immediately. By the end  
2 of the business day, the clerk of the court must transmit the  
3 accepted form to the Washington state patrol. The Washington state  
4 patrol must enter the voluntary waiver of firearm rights into the  
5 national instant criminal background check system and any other  
6 federal or state computer-based systems used by law enforcement  
7 agencies or others to identify prohibited purchasers of firearms  
8 within twenty-four hours of receipt of the form. Copies and records  
9 of the voluntary waiver of firearm rights shall not be disclosed  
10 except to law enforcement agencies.

11 (2) A filer of a voluntary waiver of firearm rights may update  
12 the contact information for any family member, mental health  
13 professional, substance use disorder professional, or alternate  
14 person provided under subsection (1) of this section by making an  
15 electronic or written request to the clerk of the court in the same  
16 county where the voluntary waiver of firearm rights was filed. The  
17 clerk of the court must request a physical or scanned copy of photo  
18 identification to verify the person's identity prior to updating the  
19 contact information on the form. By the end of the business day, the  
20 clerk of the court must transmit the updated contact information to  
21 the Washington state patrol.

22 (3) No sooner than seven calendar days after filing a voluntary  
23 waiver of firearm rights, the person may file a revocation of the  
24 voluntary waiver of firearm rights, either in writing or  
25 electronically, in the same county where the voluntary waiver of  
26 firearm rights was filed. The clerk of the court must request a  
27 physical or scanned copy of photo identification to verify the  
28 person's identity prior to accepting the form. By the end of the  
29 business day, the clerk of the court must transmit the form to the  
30 Washington state patrol and to any ((contact)) family member, mental  
31 health professional, substance use disorder professional, or  
32 alternate person listed on the voluntary waiver of firearm rights  
33 ((and destroy all records of the voluntary waiver)). Within seven  
34 days of receiving a revocation of a voluntary waiver of firearm  
35 rights, the Washington state patrol must remove the person from the  
36 national instant criminal background check system, and any other  
37 federal or state computer-based systems used by law enforcement  
38 agencies or others to identify prohibited purchasers of firearms in  
39 which the person was entered, unless the person is otherwise

1       ineligible to possess a firearm under RCW 9.41.040, and destroy all  
2 records of the voluntary waiver.

3       ((3)) (4) A person who knowingly makes a false statement  
4 regarding their identity on the voluntary waiver of firearm rights  
5 form or revocation of waiver of firearm rights form is guilty of  
6 false swearing under RCW 9A.72.040.

7       ((4)) (5) Neither a voluntary waiver of firearm rights nor a  
8 revocation of a voluntary waiver of firearm rights shall be  
9 considered by a court in any legal proceeding.

10      ((5)) (6) A voluntary waiver of firearm rights may not be  
11 required of an individual as a condition for receiving employment,  
12 benefits, or services.

13      ((6)) (7) All records obtained and all reports produced, as  
14 required by this section, are not subject to disclosure through the  
15 public records act under chapter 42.56 RCW.

16       **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.41.352 and 2018 c 145 s 2 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18       (1) The administrator for the courts, under the direction of the  
19 chief justice, shall develop a voluntary waiver of firearm rights  
20 form and a revocation of voluntary waiver of firearm rights form by  
21 January 1, 2019.

22       (2) The forms must include all of the information necessary for  
23 identification and entry of the person into the national instant  
24 criminal background check system, and any other federal or state  
25 computer-based systems used by law enforcement agencies or others to  
26 identify prohibited purchasers of firearms. The voluntary waiver of  
27 firearm rights form must include the following language:

28       Because you have filed this voluntary waiver of firearm rights,  
29 effective immediately you may not purchase ((or)), receive, control,  
30 or possess any firearm. You may revoke this voluntary waiver of  
31 firearm rights any time after at least seven calendar days have  
32 elapsed since the time of filing.

33       (3) The forms must be made available on the administrator for the  
34 courts website, at all county clerk offices, and must also be made  
35 widely available at firearm and ammunition dealers and health care  
36 provider locations.

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

1        Mental health professionals and substance use disorder  
2    professionals are encouraged to discuss the voluntary waiver of  
3    firearm rights with their patients if the mental health professional  
4    or substance use disorder professional reasonably believes that a  
5    discussion will avoid or minimize an imminent danger to the health or  
6    safety of the individual or any other individual; however, there is  
7    no obligation to do so.

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