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By House Community Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Timmons, Griffey, Davis, Parshley, Cortes, Leavitt, Ramel, Fosse, Nance, Obras, and Bergquist)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale and distribution of nitrous oxide;
2 adding a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Every person who sells, furnishes, administers, distributes,
7 gives away, or offers to sell, furnish, administer, distribute, or
8 give away a device, canister, tank, or receptacle either exclusively
9 containing nitrous oxide or flavored nitrous oxide or exclusively
10 containing a chemical compound mixed with nitrous oxide, is guilty of
11 a gross misdemeanor.

12 (2) This section does not apply to any person who administers
13 nitrous oxide for the purpose of providing medical, veterinary, or
14 dental care, if administered by a medical, veterinary, or dental
15 practitioner licensed by this state or at the direction or under the
16 supervision of a practitioner licensed by the state.

17 (3) This section does not apply to the sale of nitrous oxide
18 contained in food products for use as a propellant.

19 (4) This section does not apply to the sale and use of nitrous
20 oxide by a manufacturer as part of a manufacturing process or
21 industrial operation.

1 (5) This section does not apply to the filling of cylinders of
2 nitrous oxide for the subsequent sale, furnishment, or distribution
3 of nitrous oxide by a person or entity engaged in lawfully
4 distributing medical, veterinary, dental, food-grade, industrial, or
5 automotive gases, when the nitrous oxide is sold, furnished, or
6 distributed solely for a purpose exempt under this section, provided
7 that the cylinders are not for personal use.

8 (6) This section does not apply to the sale and use of nitrous
9 oxide for automotive purposes.

10 (7) As used in this section, "nitrous oxide" refers to any of the
11 following substances: N₂O, dinitrogen monoxide, dinitrogen oxide,
12 nitrogen oxide, or laughing gas.

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