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1 AN ACT Relating to spring blade knives; amending RCW 9.41.250,
2 9.41.280, 9.41.282, 9.41.300, 10.31.100, and 43.216.760; repealing
3 RCW 9.41.251; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.250 and 2012 c 179 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Every person who:

9 (a) Manufactures, sells, or disposes of or possesses any
10 instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand
11 club, or metal knuckles (~~(, or spring blade knife)~~);

12 (b) Furtively carries with intent to conceal any dagger, dirk,
13 pistol, or other dangerous weapon; or

14 (c) Uses any contrivance or device for suppressing the noise of
15 any firearm unless the suppressor is legally registered and possessed
16 in accordance with federal law,
17 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

18 (2) "Spring blade knife" means any knife, including a prototype,
19 model, or other sample, with a blade that is automatically released
20 by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having
21 a blade which opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the

1 force of gravity, or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust
2 or movement. A knife that contains a spring, detent, or other
3 mechanism designed to create a bias toward closure of the blade and
4 that requires physical exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist,
5 or arm to overcome the bias toward closure to assist in opening the
6 knife is not a spring blade knife. A spring blade knife is not a
7 dangerous weapon under this section.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.280 and 2023 c 470 s 3004 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly carry onto, or to
11 possess on, public or private elementary or secondary school
12 premises, school-provided transportation, areas of facilities while
13 being used exclusively by public or private schools, or areas of
14 facilities while being used for official meetings of a school
15 district board of directors:

16 (a) Any firearm;

17 (b) Any other dangerous weapon as defined in RCW 9.41.250;

18 (c) Any device commonly known as "~~((nunchu-ka—[nunchaku])~~)
19 nunchaku sticks," consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal,
20 plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other
21 means;

22 (d) Any device, commonly known as "throwing stars," which are
23 multipointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any
24 aspect;

25 (e) Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed
26 to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of
27 compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas; ~~((or))~~

28 (f)(i) Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon
29 and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile
30 stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device
31 that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or
32 an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse; or

33 (ii) Any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended
34 to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an
35 electric shock, charge, or impulse; or

36 (g) Any spring blade knife as defined in RCW 9.41.250.

37 (2)(a) Any such person violating subsection (1) of this section
38 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 (b) Second and subsequent violations of subsection (1) of this
2 section are a gross misdemeanor.

3 (c) If any person is convicted of a violation of subsection
4 (1)(a) of this section, the person shall have his or her concealed
5 pistol license, if any revoked for a period of three years. Anyone
6 convicted under this subsection is prohibited from applying for a
7 concealed pistol license for a period of three years. The court shall
8 send notice of the revocation to the department of licensing, and the
9 city, town, or county which issued the license.

10 Any violation of subsection (1) of this section by elementary or
11 secondary school students constitutes grounds for expulsion from the
12 state's public schools in accordance with RCW 28A.600.010. An
13 appropriate school authority shall promptly notify law enforcement
14 and the student's parent or guardian regarding any allegation or
15 indication of such violation.

16 Upon the arrest of a person at least (~~twelve~~) 12 years of age
17 and not more than (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years of age for violating
18 subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person shall be detained or
19 confined in a juvenile or adult facility for up to (~~seventy-two~~) 72
20 hours. The person shall not be released within the (~~seventy-two~~) 72
21 hours until after the person has been examined and evaluated by the
22 designated crisis responder unless the court in its discretion
23 releases the person sooner after a determination regarding probable
24 cause or on probation bond or bail.

25 Within (~~twenty-four~~) 24 hours of the arrest, the arresting law
26 enforcement agency shall refer the person to the designated crisis
27 responder for examination and evaluation under chapter 71.05 or 71.34
28 RCW and inform a parent or guardian of the person of the arrest,
29 detention, and examination. The designated crisis responder shall
30 examine and evaluate the person subject to the provisions of chapter
31 71.05 or 71.34 RCW. The examination shall occur at the facility in
32 which the person is detained or confined. If the person has been
33 released on probation, bond, or bail, the examination shall occur
34 wherever is appropriate.

35 Upon completion of any examination by the designated crisis
36 responder, the results of the examination shall be sent to the court,
37 and the court shall consider those results in making any
38 determination about the person.

39 The designated crisis responder shall, to the extent permitted by
40 law, notify a parent or guardian of the person that an examination

1 and evaluation has taken place and the results of the examination.
2 Nothing in this subsection prohibits the delivery of additional,
3 appropriate mental health examinations to the person while the person
4 is detained or confined.

5 If the designated crisis responder determines it is appropriate,
6 the designated crisis responder may refer the person to the local
7 behavioral health administrative services organization for follow-up
8 services or other community providers for other services to the
9 family and individual.

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

11 (a) Any student or employee of a private military academy when on
12 the property of the academy;

13 (b) Any person engaged in military, law enforcement, or school
14 district security activities. However, a person who is not a
15 commissioned law enforcement officer and who provides school security
16 services under the direction of a school administrator may not
17 possess a device listed in subsection (1)(f) of this section unless
18 he or she has successfully completed training in the use of such
19 devices that is equivalent to the training received by commissioned
20 law enforcement officers;

21 (c) Any person who is involved in a convention, showing,
22 demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by
23 school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors
24 are handled or displayed;

25 (d) Any person while the person is participating in a firearms or
26 air gun competition approved by the school or school district;

27 (e) Any person in possession of a pistol who has been issued a
28 license under RCW 9.41.070, or is exempt from the licensing
29 requirement by RCW 9.41.060, while:

30 (i) Picking up or dropping off a student; or

31 (ii) Attending official meetings of a school district board of
32 directors held off school district-owned or leased property;

33 (f) Any nonstudent at least (~~eighteen~~) 18 years of age legally
34 in possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within
35 an attended vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended
36 vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the school;

37 (g) Any nonstudent at least (~~eighteen~~) 18 years of age who is
38 in lawful possession of an unloaded firearm, secured in a vehicle
39 while conducting legitimate business at the school; or

1 (h) Any law enforcement officer of the federal, state, or local
2 government agency.

3 (4) Subsections (1)(c) and (d) of this section do not apply to
4 any person who possesses (~~nun-chu-ka~~ [~~nunchaku~~]) nunchaku sticks,
5 throwing stars, or other dangerous weapons to be used in martial arts
6 classes authorized to be conducted on the school premises.

7 (5) Subsection (1)(f)(i) of this section does not apply to any
8 person who possesses a device listed in subsection (1)(f)(i) of this
9 section, if the device is possessed and used solely for the purpose
10 approved by a school for use in a school authorized event, lecture,
11 or activity conducted on the school premises.

12 (6) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), (c), (f), and (h) of
13 this section, firearms are not permitted in a public or private
14 school building.

15 (7) "GUN-FREE ZONE" signs shall be posted around school
16 facilities giving warning of the prohibition of the possession of
17 firearms on school grounds.

18 (8) A school district board of directors must post signs
19 providing notice of the restrictions on possession of firearms and
20 other weapons under this section at facilities being used for
21 official meetings of the school district board of directors.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.41.282 and 2020 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

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

28 (a) Any firearm;

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

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

33 (d)(i) Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon
34 and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile
35 stun gun that projects wired probes that are attached to the device
36 that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or
37 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; or

4 (e) Any spring blade knife as defined in RCW 9.41.250.

5 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section is
6 guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If a person is convicted of a
7 violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person shall have
8 his or her concealed pistol license, if any, revoked for a period of
9 three years. Anyone convicted under subsection (1)(a) of this section
10 is prohibited from applying for a concealed pistol license for a
11 period of three years from the date of conviction. The court shall
12 order the person to immediately surrender any concealed pistol
13 license, and within three business days notify the department of
14 licensing in writing of the required revocation of any concealed
15 pistol license held by the person. Upon receipt of the notification
16 by the court, the department of licensing shall determine if the
17 person has a concealed pistol license. If the person does have a
18 concealed pistol license, the department of licensing shall
19 immediately notify the license-issuing authority which, upon receipt
20 of the notification, shall immediately revoke the license.

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

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

23 (b) Any person in possession of a pistol who has been issued a
24 license under RCW 9.41.070, or is exempt from the licensing
25 requirement by RCW 9.41.060, while picking up or dropping off a child
26 at the child care center;

27 (c) Any person at least (~~eighteen~~) 18 years of age legally in
28 possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an
29 attended vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended
30 vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the child care
31 center; or

32 (d) Any law enforcement officer of a federal, state, or local
33 government agency.

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

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

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

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.41.300 and 2024 c 285 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) It is unlawful for any person to enter the following places
6 when he or she knowingly possesses or knowingly has under his or her
7 control a weapon:

8 (a) The restricted access areas of a jail, or of a law
9 enforcement facility, or any place used for the confinement of a
10 person (i) arrested for, charged with, or convicted of an offense,
11 (ii) held for extradition or as a material witness, or (iii)
12 otherwise confined pursuant to an order of a court, except an order
13 under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW. Restricted access areas do not
14 include common areas of egress or ingress open to the general public;

15 (b) Those areas in any building which are used in connection with
16 court proceedings, including courtrooms, jury rooms, judge's
17 chambers, offices and areas used to conduct court business, waiting
18 areas, and corridors adjacent to areas used in connection with court
19 proceedings. The restricted areas do not include common areas of
20 ingress and egress to the building that is used in connection with
21 court proceedings, when it is possible to protect court areas without
22 restricting ingress and egress to the building. The restricted areas
23 shall be the minimum necessary to fulfill the objective of this
24 subsection (1)(b).

25 For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), "weapon" means any
26 firearm, explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or any weapon of the
27 kind usually known as slungshot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or any
28 knife, dagger, dirk, or other similar weapon that is capable of
29 causing death or bodily injury and is commonly used with the intent
30 to cause death or bodily injury.

31 In addition, the local legislative authority shall provide either
32 a stationary locked box sufficient in size for pistols and key to a
33 weapon owner for weapon storage, or shall designate an official to
34 receive weapons for safekeeping, during the owner's visit to
35 restricted areas of the building. The locked box or designated
36 official shall be located within the same building used in connection
37 with court proceedings. The local legislative authority shall be
38 liable for any negligence causing damage to or loss of a weapon

1 either placed in a locked box or left with an official during the
2 owner's visit to restricted areas of the building.

3 The local judicial authority shall designate and clearly mark
4 those areas where weapons are prohibited, and shall post notices at
5 each entrance to the building of the prohibition against weapons in
6 the restricted areas;

7 (c) The restricted access areas of a public mental health
8 facility licensed or certified by the department of health for
9 inpatient hospital care and state institutions for the care of the
10 mentally ill, excluding those facilities solely for evaluation and
11 treatment. Restricted access areas do not include common areas of
12 egress and ingress open to the general public;

13 (d) That portion of an establishment classified by the state
14 liquor and cannabis board as off-limits to persons under 21 years of
15 age;

16 (e) The restricted access areas of a commercial service airport
17 designated in the airport security plan approved by the federal
18 transportation security administration, including passenger screening
19 checkpoints at or beyond the point at which a passenger initiates the
20 screening process. These areas do not include airport drives, general
21 parking areas and walkways, and shops and areas of the terminal that
22 are outside the screening checkpoints and that are normally open to
23 unscreened passengers or visitors to the airport. Any restricted
24 access area shall be clearly indicated by prominent signs indicating
25 that firearms and other weapons are prohibited in the area;

26 (f) The premises of a library established or maintained pursuant
27 to the authority of chapter 27.12 RCW;

28 (g) The premises of a zoo or aquarium accredited or certified by
29 the association of zoos and aquariums or the zoological association
30 of America or a facility with a current signed memorandum of
31 participation with an association of zoos and aquariums species
32 survival plan; or

33 (h) The premises of a transit station or transit facility. For
34 purposes of this subsection, "transit station" and "transit facility"
35 have the same meaning as defined in RCW 9.91.025. "Transit station"
36 and "transit facility" do not include any "transit vehicle" as that
37 term is defined in RCW 9.91.025.

38 (2)(a) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, it is
39 unlawful for any person to knowingly open carry a firearm or other
40 weapon while knowingly at any permitted demonstration. This

1 subsection (2)(a) applies whether the person carries the firearm or
2 other weapon on his or her person or in a vehicle.

3 (b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly open carry a
4 firearm or other weapon while knowingly within 250 feet of the
5 perimeter of a permitted demonstration after a duly authorized state
6 or local law enforcement officer advises the person of the permitted
7 demonstration and directs the person to leave until he or she no
8 longer possesses or controls the firearm or other weapon. This
9 subsection (2)(b) does not apply to any person possessing or
10 controlling any firearm or other weapon on private property owned or
11 leased by that person.

12 (c) Duly authorized federal, state, and local law enforcement
13 officers and personnel are exempt from the provisions of this
14 subsection (2) when carrying a firearm or other weapon in conformance
15 with their employing agency's policy. Members of the armed forces of
16 the United States or the state of Washington are exempt from the
17 provisions of this subsection (2) when carrying a firearm or other
18 weapon in the discharge of official duty or traveling to or from
19 official duty.

20 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions
21 apply:

22 (i) "Permitted demonstration" means either: (A) A gathering for
23 which a permit has been issued by a federal agency, state agency, or
24 local government; or (B) a gathering of 15 or more people who are
25 assembled for a single event at a public place that has been declared
26 as permitted by the chief executive, sheriff, or chief of police of a
27 local government in which the gathering occurs. A "gathering" means a
28 demonstration, march, rally, vigil, sit-in, protest, picketing, or
29 similar public assembly.

30 (ii) "Public place" means any site accessible to the general
31 public for business, entertainment, or another lawful purpose. A
32 "public place" includes, but is not limited to, the front, immediate
33 area, or parking lot of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern, shopping
34 center, or other place of business; any public building, its grounds,
35 or surrounding area; or any public parking lot, street, right-of-way,
36 sidewalk, public park, or other public grounds.

37 (iii) "Weapon" has the same meaning given in subsection (1)(b) of
38 this section.

1 (e) Nothing in this subsection applies to the lawful concealed
2 carry of a firearm by a person who has a valid concealed pistol
3 license.

4 (3) Cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities may enact
5 laws and ordinances:

6 (a) Restricting the discharge of firearms in any portion of their
7 respective jurisdictions where there is a reasonable likelihood that
8 humans, domestic animals, or property will be jeopardized. Such laws
9 and ordinances shall not abridge the right of the individual
10 guaranteed by Article I, section 24 of the state Constitution to bear
11 arms in defense of self or others; and

12 (b) Restricting the possession of firearms in any stadium or
13 convention center, operated by a city, town, county, or other
14 municipality, except that such restrictions shall not apply to:

15 (i) Any pistol in the possession of a person licensed under RCW
16 9.41.070 or exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060; or

17 (ii) Any showing, demonstration, or lecture involving the
18 exhibition of firearms.

19 (4)(a) Cities, towns, and counties may enact ordinances
20 restricting the areas in their respective jurisdictions in which
21 firearms may be sold, but, except as provided in (b) of this
22 subsection, a business selling firearms may not be treated more
23 restrictively than other businesses located within the same zone. An
24 ordinance requiring the cessation of business within a zone shall not
25 have a shorter grandfather period for businesses selling firearms
26 than for any other businesses within the zone.

27 (b) Cities, towns, and counties may restrict the location of a
28 business selling firearms to not less than 500 feet from primary or
29 secondary school grounds, if the business has a storefront, has hours
30 during which it is open for business, and posts advertisements or
31 signs observable to passersby that firearms are available for sale. A
32 business selling firearms that exists as of the date a restriction is
33 enacted under this subsection (4)(b) shall be grandfathered according
34 to existing law.

35 (5) Violations of local ordinances adopted under subsection (3)
36 of this section must have the same penalty as provided for by state
37 law.

38 (6) The perimeter of the premises of any specific location
39 covered by subsection (1) of this section shall be posted at

1 reasonable intervals to alert the public as to the existence of any
2 law restricting the possession of firearms on the premises.

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

4 (a) A person engaged in military activities sponsored by the
5 federal or state governments, while engaged in official duties;

6 (b) Law enforcement personnel, except that subsection (1)(b) of
7 this section does apply to a law enforcement officer who is present
8 at a courthouse building as a party to an antiharassment protection
9 order action or a domestic violence protection order action under
10 chapter 7.105 or 10.99 RCW, or an action under Title 26 RCW where any
11 party has alleged the existence of domestic violence as defined in
12 RCW 7.105.010; or

13 (c) Security personnel while engaged in official duties.

14 (8) Subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of this
15 section does not apply to correctional personnel or community
16 corrections officers, as long as they are employed as such, who have
17 completed government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training,
18 except that subsection (1)(b) of this section does apply to a
19 correctional employee or community corrections officer who is present
20 at a courthouse building as a party to an antiharassment protection
21 order action or a domestic violence protection order action under
22 chapter 7.105 or 10.99 RCW, or an action under Title 26 RCW where any
23 party has alleged the existence of domestic violence as defined in
24 RCW 7.105.010.

25 (9) Subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply to a person
26 licensed pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who, upon entering the place or
27 facility, directly and promptly proceeds to the administrator of the
28 facility or the administrator's designee and obtains written
29 permission to possess the firearm while on the premises or checks his
30 or her firearm. The person may reclaim the firearms upon leaving but
31 must immediately and directly depart from the place or facility.

32 (10) Subsection (1)(c) of this section does not apply to any
33 administrator or employee of the facility or to any person who, upon
34 entering the place or facility, directly and promptly proceeds to the
35 administrator of the facility or the administrator's designee and
36 obtains written permission to possess the firearm while on the
37 premises.

38 (11) Subsection (1)(d) of this section does not apply to the
39 proprietor of the premises or his or her employees while engaged in
40 their employment.

1 (12) Subsection (1)(g) of this section does not apply to
2 employees of a zoo, aquarium, or animal sanctuary, while engaged in
3 their employment if the weapon is owned by the zoo, aquarium, or
4 animal sanctuary and maintained for the purpose of protecting its
5 employees, animals, or the visiting public.

6 (13) Subsection (1)(f), (g), and (h) of this section does not
7 apply to the activities of color guards and honor guards affiliated
8 with the United States military, Washington state national guard, or
9 Washington department of veterans' affairs related to burial or
10 interment ceremonies including, but not limited to, any staging and
11 logistical requirements of the color guard or honor guard.

12 (14) Subsection (1)(f), (g), and (h) of this section does not
13 apply to a person licensed to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to
14 RCW 9.41.070.

15 (15) Government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training must
16 be training that correctional personnel and community corrections
17 officers receive as part of their job requirement and reference to
18 such training does not constitute a mandate that it be provided by
19 the correctional facility.

20 (16) Any person violating subsection (1) or (2) of this section
21 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

22 (17) "Weapon" as used in this section means any firearm,
23 explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, spring blade knife as defined
24 in RCW 9.41.250, or instrument or weapon listed in RCW 9.41.250.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 9.41.251 (Dangerous weapons—
26 Application of restrictions to law enforcement, firefighting, rescue,
27 and military personnel) and 2012 c 179 s 2 are each repealed.

28 **Sec. 6.** RCW 10.31.100 and 2023 c 462 s 702 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 A police officer having probable cause to believe that a person
31 has committed or is committing a felony shall have the authority to
32 arrest the person without a warrant. A police officer may arrest a
33 person without a warrant for committing a misdemeanor or gross
34 misdemeanor only when the offense is committed in the presence of an
35 officer, except as provided in subsections (1) through (11) of this
36 section.

37 (1) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a
38 person has committed or is committing a misdemeanor or gross

1 misdemeanor, involving physical harm or threats of harm to any person
2 or property or the unlawful taking of property or involving the use
3 or possession of cannabis, or involving the acquisition, possession,
4 or consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of (~~twenty-one~~)
5 21 years under RCW 66.44.270, or involving criminal trespass under
6 RCW 9A.52.070 or 9A.52.080, shall have the authority to arrest the
7 person.

8 (2) A police officer shall arrest and take into custody, pending
9 release on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person
10 without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe
11 that:

12 (a) A domestic violence protection order, a sexual assault
13 protection order, a stalking protection order, or a vulnerable adult
14 protection order has been issued, of which the person has knowledge,
15 under chapter 7.105 RCW, or an order has been issued, of which the
16 person has knowledge, under RCW 26.44.063, or chapter 9A.40, 9A.46,
17 9A.88, 10.99, 26.09, 26.26A, 26.26B, or 74.34 RCW, or any of the
18 former chapters 7.90, 7.92, and 26.50 RCW, restraining the person and
19 the person has violated the terms of the order restraining the person
20 from acts or threats of violence, or restraining the person from
21 going onto the grounds of, or entering, a residence, workplace,
22 school, or day care, or prohibiting the person from knowingly coming
23 within, or knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a
24 location, a protected party's person, or a protected party's vehicle,
25 or requiring the person to submit to electronic monitoring, or, in
26 the case of an order issued under RCW 26.44.063, imposing any other
27 restrictions or conditions upon the person;

28 (b) An extreme risk protection order has been issued against the
29 person under chapter 7.105 RCW or former RCW 7.94.040, the person has
30 knowledge of the order, and the person has violated the terms of the
31 order prohibiting the person from having in the person's custody or
32 control, purchasing, possessing, accessing, or receiving a firearm or
33 concealed pistol license;

34 (c) A foreign protection order, as defined in RCW 26.52.010, or a
35 Canadian domestic violence protection order, as defined in RCW
36 26.55.010, has been issued of which the person under restraint has
37 knowledge and the person under restraint has violated a provision of
38 the foreign protection order or the Canadian domestic violence
39 protection order prohibiting the person under restraint from
40 contacting or communicating with another person, or excluding the

1 person under restraint from a residence, workplace, school, or day
2 care, or prohibiting the person from knowingly coming within, or
3 knowingly remaining within, a specified distance of a location, a
4 protected party's person, or a protected party's vehicle, or a
5 violation of any provision for which the foreign protection order or
6 the Canadian domestic violence protection order specifically
7 indicates that a violation will be a crime; or

8 (d) The person is (~~eighteen~~) 18 years or older and within the
9 preceding four hours has assaulted a family or household member or
10 intimate partner as defined in RCW 10.99.020 and the officer
11 believes: (i) A felonious assault has occurred; (ii) an assault has
12 occurred which has resulted in bodily injury to the victim, whether
13 the injury is observable by the responding officer or not; or (iii)
14 that any physical action has occurred which was intended to cause
15 another person reasonably to fear imminent serious bodily injury or
16 death. Bodily injury means physical pain, illness, or an impairment
17 of physical condition. When the officer has probable cause to believe
18 that family or household members or intimate partners have assaulted
19 each other, the officer is not required to arrest both persons. The
20 officer shall arrest the person whom the officer believes to be the
21 primary aggressor. In making this determination, the officer shall
22 make every reasonable effort to consider: (A) The intent to protect
23 victims of domestic violence under RCW 10.99.010; (B) the comparative
24 extent of injuries inflicted or serious threats creating fear of
25 physical injury; and (C) the history of domestic violence of each
26 person involved, including whether the conduct was part of an ongoing
27 pattern of abuse.

28 (3) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a
29 person has committed or is committing a violation of any of the
30 following traffic laws shall have the authority to arrest the person:

31 (a) RCW 46.52.010, relating to duty on striking an unattended car
32 or other property;

33 (b) RCW 46.52.020, relating to duty in case of injury to, or
34 death of, a person or damage to an attended vehicle;

35 (c) RCW 46.61.500 or 46.61.530, relating to reckless driving or
36 racing of vehicles;

37 (d) RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, relating to persons under the
38 influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;

39 (e) RCW 46.61.503 or 46.25.110, relating to persons having
40 alcohol or THC in their system;

1 (f) RCW 46.20.342, relating to driving a motor vehicle while
2 operator's license is suspended or revoked;

3 (g) RCW 46.61.5249, relating to operating a motor vehicle in a
4 negligent manner.

5 (4) A law enforcement officer investigating at the scene of a
6 motor vehicle accident may arrest the driver of a motor vehicle
7 involved in the accident if the officer has probable cause to believe
8 that the driver has committed, in connection with the accident, a
9 violation of any traffic law or regulation.

10 (5) (a) A law enforcement officer investigating at the scene of a
11 motor vessel accident may arrest the operator of a motor vessel
12 involved in the accident if the officer has probable cause to believe
13 that the operator has committed, in connection with the accident, a
14 criminal violation of chapter 79A.60 RCW.

15 (b) A law enforcement officer investigating at the scene of a
16 motor vessel accident may issue a citation for an infraction to the
17 operator of a motor vessel involved in the accident if the officer
18 has probable cause to believe that the operator has committed, in
19 connection with the accident, a violation of any boating safety law
20 of chapter 79A.60 RCW.

21 (6) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a
22 person has committed or is committing a violation of RCW 79A.60.040
23 shall have the authority to arrest the person.

24 (7) An officer may act upon the request of a law enforcement
25 officer, in whose presence a traffic infraction was committed, to
26 stop, detain, arrest, or issue a notice of traffic infraction to the
27 driver who is believed to have committed the infraction. The request
28 by the witnessing officer shall give an officer the authority to take
29 appropriate action under the laws of the state of Washington.

30 (8) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a
31 person has committed or is committing any act of indecent exposure,
32 as defined in RCW 9A.88.010, may arrest the person.

33 (9) A police officer may arrest and take into custody, pending
34 release on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person
35 without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that
36 an antiharassment protection order has been issued of which the
37 person has knowledge under chapter 7.105 RCW or former chapter 10.14
38 RCW and the person has violated the terms of that order.

1 (10) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a
2 person has, within (~~twenty-four~~) 24 hours of the alleged violation,
3 committed a violation of RCW 9A.50.020 may arrest such person.

4 (11) A police officer having probable cause to believe that a
5 person illegally possesses or illegally has possessed a firearm or
6 other dangerous weapon on private or public elementary or secondary
7 school premises shall have the authority to arrest the person.

8 For purposes of this subsection, the term "firearm" has the
9 meaning defined in RCW 9.41.010 and the term "dangerous weapon" has
10 the meaning defined in RCW 9.41.250 and 9.41.280(1) (c) through
11 (~~(e)~~) (g).

12 (12) A law enforcement officer having probable cause to believe
13 that a person has committed a violation under RCW 77.15.160(5) may
14 issue a citation for an infraction to the person in connection with
15 the violation.

16 (13) A law enforcement officer having probable cause to believe
17 that a person has committed a criminal violation under RCW 77.15.809
18 or 77.15.811 may arrest the person in connection with the violation.

19 (14) Except as specifically provided in subsections (2), (3),
20 (4), and (7) of this section, nothing in this section extends or
21 otherwise affects the powers of arrest prescribed in Title 46 RCW.

22 (15) No police officer may be held criminally or civilly liable
23 for making an arrest pursuant to subsection (2) or (9) of this
24 section if the police officer acts in good faith and without malice.

25 (16)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a police
26 officer shall arrest and keep in custody, until release by a judicial
27 officer on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person
28 without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that
29 the person has violated RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 or an equivalent
30 local ordinance and the police officer: (i) Has knowledge that the
31 person has a prior offense as defined in RCW 46.61.5055 within
32 (~~ten~~) 10 years; or (ii) has knowledge, based on a review of the
33 information available to the officer at the time of arrest, that the
34 person is charged with or is awaiting arraignment for an offense that
35 would qualify as a prior offense as defined in RCW 46.61.5055 if it
36 were a conviction.

37 (b) A police officer is not required to keep in custody a person
38 under (a) of this subsection if the person requires immediate medical
39 attention and is admitted to a hospital.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.216.760 and 2020 c 189 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Every child day care center and early childhood education and
4 assistance program provider is subject to RCW 9.41.282.

5 (2)(a) A family day care provider must store any firearm,
6 ammunition, or other dangerous weapon as described in RCW 9.41.250,
7 including without limitation any spring blade knife as defined in RCW
8 9.41.250, in a secure area when children for whom the family day care
9 provider is licensed to provide care are present on the premises.

10 (b) The secure area must be inaccessible to children and must
11 consist of a locked gun safe or a locked room. If stored in a locked
12 room, each firearm must be stored unloaded and with a trigger lock or
13 other disabling feature.

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

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
18 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
19 effect July 1, 2025.

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