
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5690

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Gildon, Nobles, Conway, Honeyford, McCune, Mullet, Padden, Randall, Rivers, Van De Wege, and Wagoner)

1 AN ACT Relating to firearms on the capitol campus for the sole
2 purpose of organized memorial events; and amending RCW 9.41.305.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.305 and 2021 c 261 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Unless exempt under subsection (4) of this section, it is
7 unlawful for any person to knowingly open carry a firearm or other
8 weapon, as defined in RCW 9.41.300(1)(b), while knowingly being in
9 the following locations: The west state capitol campus grounds; any
10 buildings on the state capitol grounds; any state legislative office;
11 or any location of a public legislative hearing or meeting during the
12 hearing or meeting.

13 (2) "Buildings on the state capitol grounds" means the following
14 buildings located on the state capitol grounds, commonly known as
15 Legislative, Temple of Justice, John L. O'Brien, John A. Cherberg,
16 Irving R. Newhouse, Joel M. Pritchard, Helen Sommers, Insurance,
17 Governor's Mansion, Visitor Information Center, Carlyon House, Ayer
18 House, General Administration, 1500 Jefferson, James M. Dolliver, Old
19 Capitol, Capitol Court, State Archives, Natural Resources, Office
20 Building #2, Highway-License, Transportation, Employment Security,

1 Child Care Center, Union Avenue, Washington Street, Professional
2 Arts, State Farm, and Powerhouse Buildings.

3 (3) "West state capitol campus grounds" means areas of the campus
4 south of Powerhouse Rd. SW, south of Union Avenue SW as extended
5 westward to Powerhouse Rd. SW, west of Capitol Way, north of 15th
6 Avenue SW between Capitol Way S. and Water Street SW, west of Water
7 Street between 15th Avenue SW and 16th Avenue SW, north of 16th
8 Avenue SW between Water Street SW and the east banks of Capitol Lake,
9 and east of the banks of Capitol Lake.

10 (4) Duly authorized federal, state, or local law enforcement
11 officers or personnel are exempt from this section when carrying a
12 firearm or other weapon in conformance with their employing agency's
13 policy. Members of the armed forces of the United States or the state
14 of Washington are exempt from this section when carrying a firearm or
15 other weapon in the discharge of official duty or traveling to or
16 from official duty. Fully uniformed color guard and honor guard
17 affiliated with a veteran services organization recognized by the
18 Washington department of veterans affairs are exempt from this
19 section when carrying a firearm or other weapon while actively
20 participating in, walking to, and leaving permitted events. The
21 department of enterprise services may make such reasonable rules,
22 regulations, and orders as may be necessary for the proper
23 administration and enforcement of this subsection.

24 (5) A person violating this section is guilty of a gross
25 misdemeanor.

26 (6) Nothing in this section applies to the lawful concealed carry
27 of a firearm by a person who has a valid concealed pistol license.

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