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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2555

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FIREARM BACKGROUND CHECKS--FRAMES AND RECEIVERS

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LAURIE JINKINS

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2555** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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1   AN ACT Relating to background check requirements for firearms
2 classified as other under federal firearms laws; adding a new section
3 to chapter 9.41 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
6 to read as follows:
7   (1) Beginning on the date that is thirty days after the
8 Washington state patrol issues a notification to dealers that a state
9 firearms background check system is established within the Washington
10 state patrol, a dealer shall use the state firearms background check
11 system to conduct background checks for purchases or transfers of
12 firearm frames or receivers in accordance with this section.
13   (a) A dealer may not deliver a firearm frame or receiver to a
14 purchaser or transferee unless the dealer first conducts a background
15 check of the applicant through the state firearms background check
16 system and the requirements or time periods in RCW 9.41.092(1) have
17 been satisfied.
18   (b) When processing an application for the purchase or transfer
19 of a firearm frame or receiver, a dealer shall comply with the
20 application, recordkeeping, and other requirements of this chapter
21 that apply to the sale or transfer of a pistol.

1   (c) A signed application for the purchase or transfer of a
2   firearm frame or receiver shall constitute a waiver of
3   confidentiality and written request that the health care authority,
4   mental health institutions, and other health care facilities release,
5   to an inquiring court, law enforcement agency, or the state,
6   information relevant to the applicant's eligibility to possess a
7   firearm. Any mental health information received by a court, law
8   enforcement agency, or the state pursuant to this section shall not
9   be disclosed except as provided in RCW 42.56.240(4).

10   (d) The department of licensing shall keep copies or records of
11   applications for the purchase or transfer of a firearm frame or
12   receiver and copies or records of firearm frame or receiver transfers
13   in the same manner as pistol and semiautomatic assault rifle
14   application and transfer records under RCW 9.41.129.

15   (e) A person who knowingly makes a false statement regarding
16   identity or eligibility requirements on the application to purchase a
17   firearm frame or receiver is guilty of false swearing under RCW
18   9A.72.040.

19   (f) This section does not apply to sales or transfers of firearm
20   frames or receivers to licensed dealers.

21   (2) For the purposes of this section, "firearm frame or receiver"
22   means the federally regulated part of a firearm that provides housing
23   for the hammer, bolt or breechblock, and firing mechanism, and which
24   is usually threaded at its forward portion to receive the barrel.

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