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**SENATE BILL 5349**

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**By** Senator Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to exempting a concealed pistol license holder  
2 from the prohibition against importing firearms classified as assault  
3 rifles; and amending RCW 9.41.390.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.390 and 2023 c 162 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) No person in this state may manufacture, import, distribute,  
8 sell, or offer for sale any assault weapon, except as authorized in  
9 this section.

10 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any of the  
11 following:

12 (a) The manufacture, importation, distribution, offer for sale,  
13 or sale of an assault weapon by a licensed firearms manufacturer for  
14 the purposes of sale to any branch of the armed forces of the United  
15 States or the state of Washington, or to any law enforcement agency  
16 for use by that agency or its employees for law enforcement purposes,  
17 or to a person who does not reside in this state;

18 (b) The importation, distribution, offer for sale, or sale of an  
19 assault weapon by a dealer that is properly licensed under federal  
20 and state law for the purpose of sale to any branch of the armed  
21 forces of the United States or the state of Washington, or to a law

1 enforcement agency in this state for use by that agency or its  
2 employees for law enforcement purposes;

3 (c) The distribution, offer for sale, or sale of an assault  
4 weapon to or by a dealer that is properly licensed under federal and  
5 state law where the dealer acquires the assault weapon from an  
6 individual legally authorized to possess or transfer the assault  
7 weapon for the purpose of selling or transferring the assault weapon  
8 to a person who does not reside in this state. The purpose of this  
9 section is to allow individuals who no longer wish to own an assault  
10 weapon to sell their assault weapon and is not intended to allow  
11 Washington dealers to purchase assault weapons wholesale for the  
12 purpose of selling a stock or inventory of assault weapons online or  
13 in person to nonresidents;

14 (d) The out-of-state sale or transfer of the existing stock of  
15 assault weapons owned by a licensed dealer that was acquired prior to  
16 January 1, 2023, for the limited period of 90 days after April 25,  
17 2023; (~~(e)~~)

18 (e) The importation of an assault rifle by a person who, at the  
19 time of the transaction, maintains a valid concealed pistol license  
20 under RCW 9.41.070; or

21 (f) The receipt of an assault weapon by a person who, on or after  
22 April 25, 2023, acquires possession of the assault weapon by  
23 operation of law upon the death of the former owner who was in legal  
24 possession of the assault weapon, provided the person in possession  
25 of the assault weapon can establish such provenance. Receipt under  
26 this subsection (2) (~~(e)~~) (f) is not "distribution" under this  
27 chapter. A person who legally receives an assault weapon under this  
28 subsection (2) (~~(e)~~) (f) may not sell or transfer the assault weapon  
29 to any other person in this state other than to a licensed dealer, to  
30 a federally licensed gunsmith for the purpose of service or repair,  
31 or to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of permanently  
32 relinquishing the assault weapon.

33 (3) For the purposes of this section, "law enforcement agency"  
34 means any (a) general authority Washington law enforcement agency as  
35 defined in RCW 10.93.020; (b) limited authority Washington law  
36 enforcement agency as defined in RCW 10.93.020; or (c) equivalent  
37 federal, state, or local law enforcement agency in the United States.

1           (4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a gross  
2 misdemeanor.

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