

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5956**

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2014 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5956** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senators Hatfield, Sheldon, and Braun

Read first time 01/13/14. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

1            AN ACT Relating to short-barreled rifles; amending RCW 9.41.190;  
2 and prescribing penalties.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.190 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 420 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful  
7 for any person to manufacture, own, buy, sell, loan, furnish,  
8 transport, or have in possession or under control, any machine gun,  
9 short-barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle; or any part designed  
10 and intended solely and exclusively for use in a machine gun, short-  
11 barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle, or in converting a weapon  
12 into a machine gun, short-barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle; or  
13 to assemble or repair any machine gun, short-barreled shotgun, or  
14 short-barreled rifle.

15            (2) It is not unlawful for a person to possess, transport, acquire,  
16 or transfer a short-barreled rifle that is legally registered and  
17 possessed, transported, acquired, or transferred in accordance with  
18 federal law.

19            (3) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

1 (a) Any peace officer in the discharge of official duty or  
2 traveling to or from official duty, or to any officer or member of the  
3 armed forces of the United States or the state of Washington in the  
4 discharge of official duty or traveling to or from official duty; or

5 (b) A person, including an employee of such person if the employee  
6 has undergone fingerprinting and a background check, who or which is  
7 exempt from or licensed under federal law, and engaged in the  
8 production, manufacture, repair, or testing of machine guns, short-  
9 barreled shotguns, or short-barreled rifles:

10 (i) To be used or purchased by the armed forces of the United  
11 States;

12 (ii) To be used or purchased by federal, state, county, or  
13 municipal law enforcement agencies; or

14 (iii) For exportation in compliance with all applicable federal  
15 laws and regulations.

16 ((+3)) (4) It shall be an affirmative defense to a prosecution  
17 brought under this section that the machine gun((7)) or short-barreled  
18 shotgun(~~(, or short-barreled rifle)~~) was acquired prior to July 1,  
19 1994, and is possessed in compliance with federal law.

20 ((+4)) (5) Any person violating this section is guilty of a class  
21 C felony.

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