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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5312**

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**By** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Oke, Winsley, Haugen and Palmer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to children possessing firearms; and amending RCW  
2 9.41.042.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.042 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 403 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 RCW 9.41.040(1)(e) shall not apply to any person under the age of  
7 eighteen years who is:

8 (1) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety  
9 course;

10 (2) Engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting  
11 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the  
12 jurisdiction in which such range is located or any other area where the  
13 discharge of a firearm is not prohibited;

14 (3) Engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a  
15 firearm, or participating in or practicing for a performance by an  
16 organized group that uses firearms as a part of the performance;

17 (4) Hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the person  
18 under Title 77 RCW, except that a child under the age of fourteen years

1 must be under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or other adult  
2 approved for that purpose by the parent or guardian;

3 (5) In an area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted, is  
4 not trespassing, and the person either: (a) Is at least fourteen years  
5 of age, has been issued a hunter safety certificate, and is using a  
6 lawful firearm other than a pistol; or (b) is under the supervision of  
7 a parent, guardian, or other adult approved for the purpose by the  
8 parent or guardian;

9 (6) Traveling with any unloaded firearm in the person's possession  
10 to or from any activity described in subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), or  
11 (5) of this section;

12 (7) On real property under the control of his or her parent, other  
13 relative, or legal guardian and who has the permission of the parent or  
14 legal guardian to possess a firearm;

15 (8) At his or her residence and who, with the permission of his or  
16 her parent or legal guardian, possesses a firearm for the purpose of  
17 exercising the rights specified in RCW 9A.16.020(3); or

18 (9) Is a member of the armed forces of the United States, national  
19 guard, or organized reserves, when on duty.

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