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1 AN ACT Relating to state preemption of firearms regulation; and
2 amending RCW 9.41.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.290 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 428 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The state of Washington hereby fully occupies and preempts the
7 (~~entire field~~) following areas of firearms regulation within the
8 boundaries of the state(~~(, including the)~~): Registration(~~(,)~~) and
9 licensing(~~(, possession, purchase, sale, acquisition, transfer,~~
10 ~~discharge, and transportation)~~) of firearms, or any other element
11 relating to firearms or parts thereof, including ammunition and
12 reloader components. (~~(Cities, towns, and counties or other~~
13 ~~municipalities may enact only those laws and ordinances relating to~~
14 ~~firearms that are specifically authorized by state law, as in RCW~~
15 ~~9.41.300, and are consistent with this chapter. Such local ordinances~~
16 ~~shall have the same penalty as provided for by state law.)) Local laws
17 and ordinances relating to registration or licensing of firearms that
18 are inconsistent with, more restrictive than, or exceed the
19 requirements of state law shall not be enacted and are preempted and~~

1 repealed, regardless of the nature of the code, charter, or home rule
2 status of such city, town, county, or municipality.

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