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By Representative Steele

1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state explosives act; amending
2 RCW 70.74.360 and 70.74.370; adding a new section to chapter 70.74
3 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.74.360 and 2009 c 39 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director of labor and industries shall require, as a
8 condition precedent to the original issuance (~~and upon renewal every~~
9 ~~three years thereafter~~) of any explosive license, fingerprinting and
10 criminal history record information checks of every applicant. (~~In~~
11 ~~the case of a corporation,~~) Upon yearly renewal, a criminal
12 background check of every licensee must be made using the information
13 provided with their application, verified by fingerprints, that is
14 reflected on their license. Fingerprinting and criminal history
15 record information checks shall be required for the management
16 officials directly responsible for the operations where explosives
17 are used if such persons have not previously had their fingerprints
18 recorded with the department of labor and industries(~~. In the case~~
19 ~~of a partnership, fingerprinting and criminal history record~~
20 ~~information checks shall be required of all general partners~~) for
21 all privately held companies, corporations, partnerships, and public

1 organizations. Such fingerprints as are required by the department of
2 labor and industries shall be submitted (~~on forms provided by the~~
3 ~~department~~) to the identification section of the Washington state
4 patrol and to the identification division of the federal bureau of
5 investigation on the form they specify to use in order that these
6 agencies may search their records for prior convictions of the
7 individuals fingerprinted. The Washington state patrol shall provide
8 to the director of labor and industries such criminal record
9 information as the director may request. The applicant shall give
10 full cooperation to the department of labor and industries and shall
11 assist the department of labor and industries in all aspects of the
12 fingerprinting and criminal history record information check. The
13 applicant shall be required to pay the current federal and state fee
14 for (~~fingerprint-based~~) criminal history background checks of
15 themselves and their employees.

16 (2) The director of labor and industries shall not issue a
17 license to manufacture, purchase, store, use, or deal with explosives
18 to:

19 (a) Any person under twenty-one years of age;

20 (b) Any person whose license is suspended or whose license has
21 been revoked, except as provided in RCW 70.74.370;

22 (c) Any person who (~~has been convicted~~) in this state or
23 elsewhere:

24 (i) Has been convicted of a (~~violent~~) felony offense (~~as~~
25 defined in RCW 9.94A.030,);

26 (ii) Has been convicted of domestic violence as defined in RCW
27 10.99.020;

28 (iii) Is currently under a restraining order issued by a court
29 from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of the
30 person or child of the intimate partner or person, or engaging in
31 other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear
32 of bodily injury to the partner or child, which is the result of a
33 hearing at which the person has actual notice and an opportunity to
34 participate; or

35 (iv) Has been convicted of perjury, false swearing, or bomb
36 threats or a crime involving a schedule I or II controlled substance,
37 or any other drug or alcohol related offense, unless such other drug
38 or alcohol related offense does not reflect a drug or alcohol
39 dependency. However, the director of labor and industries may issue a
40 license if the person suffering a drug or alcohol related dependency

1 is participating in or has completed an alcohol or drug recovery
2 program acceptable to the department of labor and industries and has
3 established control of their alcohol or drug dependency. The director
4 of labor and industries shall require the applicant to provide proof
5 of such participation and control; (~~or~~)

6 (d) Any person who has previously been (~~adjudged~~) found by duly
7 appointed mental health authorities or courts in this state or
8 elsewhere to be (~~mentally ill or insane~~) an individual with mental
9 illness, or to be incompetent due to any mental (~~disability or~~
10 disease) illness, intellectual disability, or impairment as defined
11 in RCW 49.60.040(7) whose condition prohibits access to explosives or
12 other dangerous items or materials in the interest of public safety
13 and who has not at the time of application been restored to
14 competency by the authority having jurisdiction over the case; or

15 (e) Any person dishonorably discharged from the armed forces of
16 the United States.

17 (3) Persons denied licensing for any reason must be notified in
18 writing by the department.

19 (4) Persons denied licensing may request relief as outlined in
20 section 3(1) of this act.

21 (5) The director of labor and industries may establish reasonable
22 licensing fees for the manufacture, dealing, purchase, use, and
23 storage of explosives.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.74.370 and 1997 c 58 s 872 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The department of labor and industries shall revoke and not
27 renew the license of any person holding a manufacturer, dealer,
28 purchaser, user, or storage license upon conviction of any of the
29 following offenses, which conviction has become final:

30 (a) A (~~violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030~~) felony
31 under the laws of this state or any out-of-state offense that under
32 the laws of this state would be a felony;

33 (b) A crime involving perjury or false swearing, including the
34 making of a false affidavit or statement under oath or the omission
35 of a required report to the department of labor and industries in an
36 application or report made pursuant to this title;

37 (c) A crime involving bomb threats;

38 (d) A crime involving a schedule I or II controlled substance, or
39 any other drug or alcohol related offense, unless such other drug or

1 alcohol related offense does not reflect a drug or alcohol
2 dependency. However, the department of labor and industries may
3 condition renewal of the license to any convicted person suffering a
4 drug or alcohol dependency who is participating in an alcoholism or
5 drug recovery program acceptable to the department of labor and
6 industries and has established control of their alcohol or drug
7 dependency. The department of labor and industries shall require the
8 licensee to provide proof of such participation and control;

9 (e) A crime relating to possession, use, transfer, or sale of
10 explosives under this chapter or any other chapter of the Revised
11 Code of Washington;

12 (f) A crime of domestic violence as defined in RCW 10.99.020;

13 (g) A crime resulting in punishment that includes a dishonorable
14 discharge from the armed forces of the United States.

15 (2) The department of labor and industries shall revoke the
16 license of any person (~~(adjudged)~~) found by duly appointed mental
17 health authorities or courts in this state or elsewhere to be
18 (~~(mentally ill or insane)~~) an individual with mental illness, or to
19 be incompetent due to any mental (~~(disability or disease)~~) illness,
20 intellectual disability, or impairment as defined in RCW 49.60.040(7)
21 whose condition prohibits access to explosives or other dangerous
22 items or materials in the interest of public safety. The director
23 shall not renew the license until the person has been restored to
24 competency by the authority having jurisdiction over the case.

25 (3) The department of labor and industries is authorized to
26 suspend, for a period of time not to exceed six months, the license
27 of any person who has violated this chapter or the rules promulgated
28 pursuant to this chapter.

29 (4) The department of labor and industries may revoke the license
30 of any person who has repeatedly violated this chapter or the rules
31 promulgated pursuant to this chapter, or who has twice had his or her
32 license suspended under this chapter.

33 (5) The department of labor and industries shall immediately
34 suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified
35 pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health
36 services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order
37 (~~(or a residential or visitation order)~~). (~~(If the person has~~
38 ~~continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the~~
39 ~~suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be~~
40 ~~automatic upon the department of labor and industries' receipt of a~~

1 ~~release issued by the department of social and health services~~
2 ~~stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.)~~)

3 (6) The department of labor and industries shall immediately
4 suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been, under
5 the laws of this state or any out-of-state court:

6 (a) Charged by an appointed prosecuting attorney with a felony
7 for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony;

8 (b) Placed under a restraining order by a court for harassing,
9 stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of the person or child
10 of the intimate partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that
11 would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury
12 to the partner or child which is the result of a hearing at which the
13 person had actual notice and an opportunity to participate; or

14 (c) Charged by an appointed prosecuting attorney with a crime of
15 domestic violence as defined in RCW 10.99.020.

16 (7) Licensed persons who meet the criteria of subsection (6) of
17 this section are required to report the charging of the offense to
18 the department within thirty days. Failure to make the report is a
19 gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

20 (8) If the person has continued to meet all other requirements
21 for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or
22 certificate is automatic upon the department of labor and industries'
23 receipt of:

24 (a) A dismissal of charges; or

25 (b) Court allowance of continued use of explosives as described
26 in section 3(2) of this act.

27 (9) The department of labor and industries must provide written
28 notification to any person denied licensing.

29 (10) Upon receipt of notification by the department of labor and
30 industries of revocation or suspension, a licensee must surrender
31 immediately to the department any or all such licenses revoked or
32 suspended.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 70.74
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 (1) Persons denied licensing by any condition identified in RCW
36 70.74.360(2) (b) through (d) may request a review of the decision by
37 the board of industrial insurance appeals for relief from the denial
38 of licensing within thirty days of notification by the department of
39 labor and industries. The person requesting relief must prove that:

1 (a) The circumstances, their reputation, and record are such that
2 they will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public
3 safety; and

4 (b) The granting of such relief is not contrary to the public
5 interest.

6 (2) A person whose license is denied or suspended for any
7 condition identified in RCW 70.74.370 (1), (2), or (6) must request
8 relief from the court that is conducting the proceedings for
9 continued use, possession, manufacture, sale, and/or purchase of
10 explosives. That court shall determine whether:

11 (a) The circumstances, their reputation, and record are such that
12 they will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public
13 safety; and

14 (b) The granting of such relief is not contrary to the public
15 interest.

16 (3) Persons requesting relief for denial or suspension of
17 licensing who are also permitted the use or access to explosives by
18 the federal bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives must
19 present proof of relief from disability as provided in 18 U.S.C. Sec.
20 1102 Part 845 at every hearing. For those whose relief from
21 disability is denied or withdrawn, no further relief may be
22 considered in this state.

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