

Subject Firearm and ammunition storage requirements

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Overview

This bill establishes minimum requirements for firearm owners to store their firearms and ammunition and establishes criminal penalties for violating the storage requirements.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Firearm storage and ammunition storage requirements.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Storage. Establishes minimum requirements for the safe storage of a firearm—a firearm must be stored unloaded with a locking device and separate from the firearm’s ammunition.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Transfer. Requires that a locking device be included with a transferred firearm unless the transferee provides proof of ownership of a locking device that meets the requirements of this section.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Penalty. Establishes penalties for violations of subdivisions 1 and 2. Penalties for violations of subdivision 1 range from a misdemeanor to a five-year felony based on the level of risk and harm caused by the violation. The penalty for a violation of subdivision 2 is a misdemeanor.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Limitations. Prohibits charges for violating subdivision 1 if the firearm was accessed by someone who entered the structure where the firearm was stored without authorization.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Definitions. Defines “child,” “firearm,” “loaded,” and “locking device” for purposes of this section.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals section 609.666, the current law governing storage of firearms.</p> |



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