

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

Section	Description
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1	Ineligible persons.
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Imposes a three-year firearms prohibition as a collateral consequence of committing a gross misdemeanor violation of section 2.

2	Firearm storage and ammunition storage requirements.
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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. Creates an exception to the law for peace officers and permit-holders who store a loaded, holstered handgun in a quick access safe.

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.

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.

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.

Section	Description
	Subd. 5. Definitions. Defines “authorized user,” “child,” “firearm,” “loaded,” “locking device,” “peace officer,” and “quick access safe” for purposes of this section.
3	Revisor instruction. Directs the revisor to update cross-references to reflect the creation of the new offenses in section 2 and the repeal of section 609.666 in section 4.
4	Repealer. Repeals section 609.666, the current law governing storage of firearms.



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