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H 1619. SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS. *TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE STORAGE OF FIREARMS TO PROTECT MINORS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE.* Makes provisions of GS 14-315.1 (storage of firearms to protect minors) applicable to any person who owns or possesses a firearm (now, person who resides in premises with minor and owns or possesses a firearm). Adds new GS 14-315.1(c1) establishing affirmative defense to prosecution under section. Elements of defense require that firearm be kept in locked box or container, or be equipped with tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device that is properly engaged to render weapon inoperable by person other than owner or lawfully authorized user. Effective Dec. 1, 2000; applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Hunter and Easterling.

Ref. to Rules	GS 14
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