

February 28, 2001

H 320. SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS. TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE STORAGE OF FIREARMS TO PROTECT MINORS. Amends GS 14-315.1(a) making it a Class 1 misdemeanor to store or leave a firearm in a manner in which the person knew or should have known that a minor would be able to gain access to it and a minor gains access without lawful permission of the person having charge of the minor and possesses it in violation of GS 14-269.2(b) or exhibits it in a public place. Amends GS 14-315.1 by adding a new subsection (a1) making it a Class A1 misdemeanor to store or leave a firearm in a manner in which the person knew or should have known that a minor would be able to gain access to it and a minor gains access without the permission of the person having charge of the minor and uses it to cause personal injury or death, not in self defense, or in the commission of a crime. Creates exceptions for firearms kept unloaded in locked containers with ammunition stored separately and for firearms kept unloaded and equipped with a safety device rendering them inoperable by anyone other than the authorized users. Effective Dec. 1, 2001, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Weiss, Easterling, Hunter.

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April 23, 2001

H 320. SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS. Intro. 2/28/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies exceptions to GS 14-315.1(a) and (a1) as follows: (1) if firearm kept in locked box or container, ammunition need not be stored separately; and (2) adds exception for firearm kept unloaded and out of sight, with ammunition stored separately.