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**S 987. SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS.** Filed 3/25/09. *TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STORAGE OF FIREARMS TO PROTECT MINORS, TO ENCOURAGE UNLOADED STORAGE OF FIREARMS, AND TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SAFE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS.*

Amends GS 14-315.1 (storage of firearms to protect minors) subsection (a) to delete the requirement that the person reside in the same premises as the minor. As amended, a Class 1 misdemeanor in this subsection applies to any person who stores or leaves a firearm in a manner that the individual knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm and the minor gains access and either possesses the firearm in violation of GS 14-269(b) or exhibits it in a public place. Enacts GS 14-315.1(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 access the firearm and the minor either uses the firearm to cause personal injury or death or in the commission of a crime. Enacts GS 14-315.1(a2) creating exceptions for certain unloaded firearms. Amends GS 14-315.2(b) to add language to the firearms storage notice that must be posted at any retail or wholesale shop, store, or sales outlet that sells firearms. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Graham.**

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