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HOUSE BILL DRH30033-ML-26

Short Title: Firearm in Unattended Vehicle/Safely Store. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Morey.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE
3 UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED AND THE FIREARM IS SECURED OR
4 OTHERWISE SAFELY STORED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
7 a new section to read:

8 "§ 14-269.9. Firearms in unattended motor vehicles.

9 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "firearm" is as defined in
10 G.S. 14-408.1.

11 (b) Prohibition. – It is unlawful to leave a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle unless
12 the vehicle is locked and the firearm is either (i) secured with a trigger lock or other safety device
13 designed to prevent an unauthorized user from operating the firearm or (ii) in a locked container.

14 (c) Penalty. – Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class
15 2 misdemeanor."

16 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses
17 committed on or after that date.

