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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
Senate Bill 650

AMENDMENT NO. A4  
(to be filled in by  
Principal Clerk)

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Amends Title [YES]  
Second Edition

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Senator Marcus

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 4, by inserting the following at the end of the line before  
2 the period:

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4 "AND TO REQUIRE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS";

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6 and on page 2, lines 4-5 by inserting the following between the lines:

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8 "SECTION 2.3(a) G.S. 14-315.1 is repealed.

9 SECTION 2.3(b) Article 53B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
10 adding a new section to read:

11 "§ 14-409.44. Require safe storage of firearms.

12 (a) Requirement. – Except when being carried or used by the owner or another lawfully  
13 authorized user, a person in possession or control of a firearm shall store or keep the firearm in a  
14 locked container. For purposes of this subsection, the term "firearm" includes weapons regulated  
15 under G.S. 14-409. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the possession  
16 of a firearm otherwise prohibited under State or federal law.

17 (b) Penalty. – A person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a Class A1  
18 misdemeanor.

19 (c) Punitive Damages. – A violation of subsection (a) of this section constitutes wanton  
20 conduct within the meaning of G.S. 1D-5 and subjects the violator to punitive damages in any  
21 civil action that may be filed as a result of the violator's actions."

22 SECTION 2.3(c) G.S. 14-315.2 reads as rewritten:

23 "§ 14-315.2. Warning upon sale or transfer of ~~firearm to protect minor~~ firearm to safely  
24 store firearm.

25 (a) Upon the retail commercial sale or transfer of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall  
26 deliver a written copy of ~~G.S. 14-315.1~~ G.S. 14-409.44 to the purchaser or transferee.

27 (b) Any retail or wholesale store, shop, or sales outlet that sells firearms shall  
28 conspicuously post at each purchase counter the following warning in block letters not less than  
29 one inch in height the phrase: "~~IT~~ EXCEPT WHEN BEING CARRIED OR USED BY THE  
30 OWNER OR ANOTHER LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED USER, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE  
31 OR LEAVE-KEEP A FIREARM THAT CAN BE DISCHARGED IN A MANNER THAT A



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- 1 ~~REASONABLE PERSON SHOULD KNOW IS ACCESSIBLE TO A MINOR.~~ IN ANY  
2 PLACE OTHER THAN A LOCKED CONTAINER."  
3 (c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor."  
4 **SECTION 2.3(d)** Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
5 adding a new section to read:  
6 "**§ 14-269.9. Firearms in unattended motor vehicles.**  
7 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "firearm" is as defined in  
8 G.S. 14-408.1.  
9 (b) Prohibition. – It is unlawful to leave a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle unless  
10 the vehicle is locked and the firearm is either (i) secured with a trigger lock or other safety device  
11 designed to prevent an unauthorized user from operating the firearm or (ii) in a locked container.  
12 (c) Penalty. – Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class  
13 2 misdemeanor."  
14 **SECTION 2.3(e)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to  
15 offenses committed on or after that date."

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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