

HOUSE BILL 2958

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to firearm storage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), it is an offense for a person to store or keep a firearm on the premises of a residence under the control of the person if the person knows, or reasonably should know, that:

(1) A minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent or guardian of the minor; or

(2) A resident of the residence is ineligible to possess a firearm under federal or state law.

(b) It is an exception to subsection (a) if the person:

(1) Keeps the firearm:

(A) Secure using a secure gun storage or safety device; or

(B) In a location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure; or

(2) Carries the firearm on the person's self or within such close proximity to the person that the person can readily retrieve and use the firearm as if the person carried the firearm on the person's self.

(c)

(1) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) A violation of subsection (a) that results in a minor or a resident who is ineligible to possess a firearm under federal or state law obtaining the firearm and causing injury or death to such minor or resident, or to any other individual is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.