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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4254

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring loaded firearms be stored in locations where
1.3 persons prohibited from possessing firearms cannot access the firearms; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.666, subdivisions 1, 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.666, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following words have the
1.8 meanings given.

1.9 (a) "Firearm" means a device designed to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled
1.10 a projectile by the force of any explosion or force of combustion.

1.11 (b) "Child" means a person under the age of 18 years.

1.12 (c) "Loaded" means the firearm has ammunition in the chamber or magazine, if the
1.13 magazine is in the firearm, ~~unless the firearm is incapable of being fired by a child who is~~
1.14 ~~likely to gain access to the firearm.~~

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.666, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 2. **Access to firearms.** A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who negligently
1.17 stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should
1.18 know, that a child or a person prohibited from possessing firearms under section 624.713,
1.19 subdivision 1, is likely to gain access, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm
1.20 against access by the child or the person prohibited from possessing firearms.