

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the safe storage of firearms;
 3 creating s. 790.0656, F.S.; providing firearm storage
 4 requirements for licensed importers, manufacturers,
 5 and dealers in certain circumstances; authorizing
 6 inspections; providing noncriminal penalties;
 7 providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Section 790.0656, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 790.0656 Safe storage of firearms by importers,
 14 manufacturers, and dealers.-

15 (1) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or
 16 licensed dealer who stores or leaves on a business premises
 17 under its control a firearm shall, when the premises is not open
 18 for business, secure each firearm on the premises using one of
 19 the following methods:

20 (a) Secure the firearm with a hardened steel rod or cable
 21 of at least 1/8 inch in diameter through the trigger guard of
 22 the firearm. The steel rod or cable shall be secured with a
 23 hardened steel lock that has a shackle. The lock and shackle
 24 shall be protected or shielded from the use of a bolt cutter and
 25 the rod or cable shall be anchored in a manner that prevents the

26 removal of the firearm from the premises;

27 (b) Store the firearm in a locked fireproof safe or vault
28 in the licensee's business premises; or

29 (c) Store the firearm in a hardened, impact-resistant,
30 locked cabinet.

31 (2) A duly authorized agent or employee of the Department
32 of Agriculture and Consumer Services may inspect in a lawful
33 manner at all reasonable hours any business premises subject to
34 the requirements of this section.

35 (3) A violation of this section is a noncriminal
36 violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.083.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.