

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3497

- 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 2024, 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 2024, 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 2024, 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.