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2 Introduced by Senators Baruth, Balint, Bray, Champion, Chittenden, Clarkson,
3 Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Lyons, McCormack, Pearson,
4 Perchlik, Ram, Sirotkin and White

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Crimes; firearms; prohibition on possession at certain locations

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit the possession of firearms
9 at childcare facilities, hospitals, and certain public buildings.

10 An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms at childcare facilities,
11 hospitals, and certain public buildings

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4023 is added to read:

14 § 4023. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS; PROHIBITED LOCATIONS

15 (a) A person shall not possess a firearm at a prohibited location.

16 (b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned for not more
17 than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

18 (c) This section shall not apply to a firearm possessed by:

19 (1) a federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer
20 certified as a law enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice

1 Training Council pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358, for legitimate law enforcement
2 purposes, whether the officer is on or off duty; or

3 (2) the United States or a department or agency of the United States or
4 by any state or by a department, agency, or political subdivision of a state.

5 (d) As used in this section:

6 (1) “Firearm” has the same meaning as in subsection 4017(d) of this
7 title.

8 (2) “Prohibited location” means:

9 (A) a childcare facility as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 3511, provided that
10 a childcare facility shall not include a family day care home that provides care
11 on a regular basis in the caregiver’s own home;

12 (B) a hospital as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1902; or

13 (C) a publicly owned building that is currently in use for the
14 performance of essential government functions.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.