

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Creates the crime of unlawful storage of a firearm

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95.1.4, relative to firearms and weapons; to create the crime of unlawful  
3 storage of a firearm; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §95.1.4. Unlawful storage of a firearm

8 A. It is unlawful for any person to keep or store a firearm in any place unless  
9 the firearm is secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant  
10 trigger lock, cable lock, mechanical lock, or other safety device, properly engaged  
11 so as to render the firearm inoperable.

12 B.(1) Upon a first conviction, whoever violates the provisions of this Section  
13 shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars.

14 (2) Upon a second or subsequent conviction, whoever violates the provisions  
15 of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not  
16 more than six months, or both.

17 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any person who is  
18 carrying a firearm on his person or is using a firearm.

19 D. For the purposes of this Section, "firearm" means any pistol, revolver,  
20 rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, black powder weapon, or assault rifle

1           which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from  
2           which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the crime of unlawful storage of a firearm.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful to keep or store a firearm unless it is in a locked container or is equipped with a lock to render the firearm inoperable.

Proposed law provides penalties for a first violation of a fine of not more than \$300. Provides penalties for a second or subsequent violation of a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law creates an exception if the firearm is on the person or is in use.

(Adds R.S. 14:95.1.4)