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SB 344 Original

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Barrow

Proposed law creates the crime of unsecured storage of firearms and makes it unlawful for a person to store a firearm in an unsecured manner on premises under his control when he either knows or should reasonably know that a minor or prohibited person may gain access to the firearm.

Proposed law defines "minor", "prohibited person", "tamper-resistant trigger lock", and "unsecured".

Proposed law provides exceptions for when:

- (1) The firearm is carried on the person of the owner.
- (2) When a minor or prohibited person obtains the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry onto the premises.
- (3) The minor obtains the firearm with the permission of the gun owner for lawful hunting or recreational shooting activity while under adult supervision.

Proposed law provides an offender will be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Proposed law also provides that, if a violation results in bodily injury being caused to another person by a minor or prohibited person who obtained an unsecured firearm, the offender will be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

Proposed law cannot be construed to impair the right to keep and bear arms under La. Const. Art. I, Sec. 11, or the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 14:95.4)