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HOUSE BILL 24-1348

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT TO SECURELY STORE A FIREARM IN A
102 VEHICLE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill prohibits knowingly leaving a firearm in an unattended vehicle unless the firearm is stored in a locked hard-sided container that is not left in plain view or that is in the locked trunk of the vehicle. Unsafe storage of a firearm in a vehicle is a civil infraction, punishable by a maximum \$500 fine.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-114.5 as
3 follows:

4 **18-12-114.5. Secure firearm storage in a vehicle - penalty -**
5 **definition.** (1) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY LEAVE A FIREARM
6 IN AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE UNLESS THE FIREARM IS STORED IN ANY OF
7 THE FOLLOWING:

8 (I) A LOCKED HARD-SIDED CONTAINER THAT IS PLACED OUT OF
9 PLAIN VIEW, INCLUDING A CONTAINER THAT IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO
10 THE VEHICLE'S INTERIOR AND NOT IN PLAIN VIEW; OR

11 (II) A LOCKED HARD-SIDED CONTAINER THAT IS IN THE LOCKED
12 TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

13 (b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), A GLOVE
14 COMPARTMENT OR THE CENTER CONSOLE OF A VEHICLE IS NOT A LOCKED
15 HARD-SIDED CONTAINER.

16 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
17 COMMITS UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A FIREARM IN A VEHICLE. UNLAWFUL
18 STORAGE OF A FIREARM IN A VEHICLE IS A CIVIL INFRACTION AND, UPON
19 CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NO MORE THAN
20 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

21 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

22 (a) STORING AN ANTIQUE FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC.
23 921 (a)(16), AS AMENDED;

24 (b) A PEACE OFFICER ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICER'S
25 DUTIES; AND

26 (c) A PERSON ENGAGED IN LAWFUL HUNTING ACTIVITIES.

1 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
2 REQUIRES, "VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
3 42-1-102.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105.6, **amend**
5 (2)(a) as follows:

6 **18-12-105.6. Limitation on local ordinances regarding**
7 **firearms in private vehicles.** (2) (a) Based on the findings specified in
8 subsection (1) of this section, the general assembly concludes that the
9 carrying of weapons in private automobiles or other private means of
10 conveyance for hunting or for lawful protection of a person's or another's
11 person or property while traveling into, through, or within a municipal,
12 county, or city and county jurisdiction, regardless of the number of times
13 the person stops in a jurisdiction, is a matter of statewide concern and,
14 EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-114.5, is not an offense.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-214, **amend**
16 (3)(a) as follows:

17 **18-12-214. Authority granted by permit - carrying restrictions**
18 **- local authority.** (3) A permit issued pursuant to this part 2 does not
19 authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun onto the real property,
20 or into any improvements erected thereon, of a public elementary, middle,
21 junior high, or high school; except that:

22 (a) A permittee may have a handgun on the real property of the
23 public school so long as the handgun remains in ~~his or her~~ THE
24 PERMITTEE'S vehicle and, if the permittee ~~is not in the vehicle, the~~
25 ~~handgun is in a compartment within the vehicle and the vehicle is locked~~
26 LEAVES THE VEHICLE UNATTENDED, THE PERMITTEE STORES THE FIREARM
27 PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-114.5;

1 **SECTION 6. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
2 January 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

3 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
6 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
7 institutions.