

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

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

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95.11, relative to offenses affecting the public safety; to create the crime
3 of unlawful storage of a firearm; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide
4 for penalties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §95.11. Unlawful storage of a firearm

9 A. Unlawful storage of a firearm is the intentional or criminally negligent
10 placement of a loaded firearm within a dwelling or vehicle that results in the
11 possession of such firearm by a minor child who then does either of the following:

12 (1) Discharges the firearm.

13 (2) Causes, or attempts to cause, the injury or death of himself or another
14 person.

15 B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be imprisoned for
16 not more than six months, fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.

17 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply in any of the following
18 circumstances:

19 (1) When a person unlawfully enters the dwelling or vehicle and takes or
20 misappropriates the firearm.

1 (2) When a minor, with the permission of the adult owner of the firearm,
2 obtains supervised access to the firearm for the purpose of hunting, sporting
3 activities, or any other lawful reason.

4 D. For the purposes of this Section, "firearm" means any pistol, revolver,
5 rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, black powder weapon, or assault rifle
6 which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from
7 which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of improper storage of a firearm.

Proposed law provides that the unlawful storage of a firearm is the intentional or criminally negligent placement of a loaded firearm within a dwelling or vehicle that results in the possession of such firearm by a minor child who then does either of the following:

- (1) Discharges the firearm.
- (2) Causes, or attempts to cause, the injury or death of himself or another person.

Proposed law provides that whoever violates the provisions of proposed law shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law does not apply in any of the following circumstances:

- (1) When a person unlawfully enters the dwelling or vehicle and takes or misappropriates the firearm.
- (2) When a minor, with the permission of the adult owner of the firearm, obtains supervised access to the firearm for the purpose of hunting, sporting activities, or any other lawful reason.

Proposed law defines the term "firearm".

(Adds R.S. 14:95.11)