



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1250**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB31

RELATING TO FIREARMS  
**ACT 148 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 01 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 148  
H.B. NO. 71

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an estimated  
2   4,600,000 children and adolescents in the United States live in  
3   homes with at least one unsecured firearm and that the presence  
4   of unsecured firearms in the home increases the risk of  
5   unintentional and intentional shootings. Furthermore, the  
6   United States Secret Service and the United States Department of  
7   Education report that in sixty-eight per cent of deadly school  
8   shootings, the attacker obtained the firearm from the attacker's  
9   home or that of a relative. In addition, over seventy-five per  
10   cent of firearms used in suicide attempts and unintentional  
11   firearm injuries among children and adolescents were stored in  
12   the residence of the victim, a relative, or a friend. The  
13   legislature further finds that teenagers between the ages of  
14   sixteen and eighteen have the highest rates of suicide attempts  
15   among all children and adolescents, while more than half of all  
16   school shootings have been perpetrated by sixteen and seventeen-  
17   year-olds. The legislature therefore finds that it is necessary



1 to raise the maximum age of minors for which safe storage of  
2 firearms is required from sixteen to eighteen years.

3 SECTION 2. Section 134-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§134-10.5[+] **Storage of firearm; responsibility with**  
6 **respect to minors.** No person shall store or keep any firearm on  
7 any premises under the person's control if the person knows or  
8 reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to  
9 the firearm without the permission of the parent or guardian of  
10 the minor, unless the person:

- 11 (1) Keeps the firearm in a securely locked box or other  
12 container or in a location that a reasonable person  
13 would believe to be secure; or  
14 (2) Carries the firearm on the person or within such close  
15 proximity thereto that the person [~~readily~~] can  
16 readily retrieve and use it as if it were carried on  
17 the person.

18 For purposes of this section, "minor" means any person under the  
19 age of [~~sixteen~~] eighteen years."

20 SECTION 3. Section 707-714.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:



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1           "(1) A person commits the offense of criminally negligent  
2 storage of a firearm if the person violates section 134-10.5 and  
3 a minor obtains the firearm. For purposes of this section,  
4 "minor" means any person under the age of [~~sixteen~~] eighteen  
5 years."

6           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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INTRODUCED BY:



JAN 20 2021

APPROVED this 01 day of JUL , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 31

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 5, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: APR 13 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi  
Clerk of the Senate