

ACT 288

H.B. NO. 2871

A Bill for an Act Relating to Firearms.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§134- Storage of firearm; responsibility with respect to minors.

No person shall store or keep any firearm on any premises under the person’s control if the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent or guardian of the minor, unless the person:

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

For purposes of this section, “minor” means any person under the age of sixteen years.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 707, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§707- Criminally negligent storage of a firearm. (1) A person commits the offense of criminally negligent storage of a firearm if the person violates section 134- and a minor obtains the firearm. For purposes of this section, “minor” means any person under the age of sixteen years.

(2) This section shall not apply if the minor obtains the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry to any premises by any person.

(3) Criminally negligent storage of a firearm is a misdemeanor.”

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 29, 1992.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.