

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing  
5 Section 24-9 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-9)

7 Sec. 24-9. Firearms; minor protection ~~Child Protection.~~

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), it is unlawful  
9 for any person to store or leave, within premises under his or  
10 her control, a firearm if the person knows or has reason to  
11 believe that a minor under the age of 18 ~~14~~ years who does not  
12 have a Firearm Owners Identification Card or who is not serving  
13 in the military is likely to gain access to the firearm without  
14 the lawful permission of the minor's parent, guardian, or  
15 person having charge of the minor, ~~and the minor causes death~~  
16 ~~or great bodily harm with the firearm,~~ unless the firearm is:

17 (1) secured by a device or mechanism, other than the  
18 firearm safety, designed to render a firearm temporarily  
19 inoperable; or

20 (2) placed in a securely locked box or container; or

21 (3) (blank) ~~placed in some other location that a~~  
22 ~~reasonable person would believe to be secure from a minor~~  
23 ~~under the age of 14 years.~~

1 (b) Sentence.

2 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of  
3 this subsection (b), a ~~A~~ person who violates this Section  
4 is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and shall be fined not  
5 less than \$1,000. A second or subsequent violation of this  
6 Section is a Class A misdemeanor.

7 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who  
8 violates subsection (a) is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor  
9 if a minor under the age of 18 causes death or great bodily  
10 harm with the firearm stored or left in violation of this  
11 Section.

12 (c) Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) ~~Subsection (a)~~ does not  
13 apply:

14 (1) if the minor under 18 ~~14~~ years of age gains access  
15 to a firearm and uses it in a lawful act of self-defense or  
16 defense of another; or

17 (2) to any firearm obtained by a minor under the age of  
18 18 ~~14~~ because of an unlawful entry of the premises by the  
19 minor or another person.

20 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "firearm" has the  
21 meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners  
22 Identification Card Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-18, eff. 1-1-00.)