

1 AN ACT in relation to 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  
5 changing Section 24-9 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-9)

7 Sec. 24-9. Firearms; 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  
10 or her control, a firearm if the person knows or has reason  
11 to believe that a minor under the age of 16 14 years who does  
12 not have a Firearm Owners Identification Card is likely to  
13 gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of  
14 the minor's parent, guardian, or person having charge of the  
15 minor, and the minor causes death or great bodily harm with  
16 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) placed in some other location that a reasonable  
22 person would believe to be secure from a minor under the  
23 age of 16 14 years.

24 (b) Sentence. A person who violates this Section is  
25 guilty of a Class A ~~E~~ misdemeanor and shall be fined not less  
26 than \$1,000. A second or subsequent violation of this  
27 Section is a Class 4 felony ~~A-misdemeanor~~.

28 (c) Subsection (a) does not apply:

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

1           (2) to any firearm obtained by a minor under the  
2           age of 16 14 because of an unlawful entry of the premises  
3           by the minor or another person.

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

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