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Sponsor(s): Senators McAuliffe, B. Sheldon, Thibaudeau, Patterson, Fraser, Franklin, Kline, Winsley and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Making it a crime to keep a loaded firearm where a minor could gain access to it.

SB 5017 - DIGEST

Declares that, except as provided in this act, a person shall not store or keep a loaded firearm on premises under his or her control if he or she knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without: (1) The lawful permission of the minor's parent or the person having charge of the minor; or

(2) the supervision required by law.

Provides that it is a misdemeanor if a person violates this act and, as a result thereof, a minor gains access to a firearm and possesses or exhibits it, without the supervision required by law:

(1) In a public place; or

(2) in a reckless or criminally negligent manner.

Provides that it is a class C felony if a person violates this act and, as a result thereof, a minor gains access to a firearm and uses it to inflict injury or death upon himself or herself, or any other person.

Provides that, as used in this act, "minor" means a person under the age of sixteen.