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Brief Description: Encouraging safe storage of firearms.

SB 5294 - DIGEST

Declares that a person is guilty of reckless endangerment if the person stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access, and a child obtains possession of the loaded firearm.

Does not apply if: (1) The firearm is secured in a locked box, gun safe, other secure locked storage space, or secured with a lock or any device that prevents the firearm from discharging;

(2) the child's access to the firearm is supervised by an adult;

(3) the child's access to the firearm was obtained as a result of an unlawful entry; or

(4) the child's access to the firearm was in accordance with RCW 9.41.042.

Provides that, when selling any firearm, every dealer shall offer to sell or give the purchaser a locked box, gun safe, a lock, or any device that prevents the firearm from discharging.