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HOUSE FILE 255

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to parental responsibility for a minor's access
 2 to firearms.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 724.22, subsection 7, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. ACCESS TO LOADED FIREARMS BY CHILDREN RESTRICTED --
4 PENALTY. It shall be unlawful for any person to store or
5 leave a loaded firearm which is not secured by a trigger lock
6 mechanism, placed in a securely locked box or container, or
7 placed in some other location which a reasonable person would
8 believe to be secure from a minor under the age of fourteen
9 sixteen years, if such person knows or has reason to believe
10 that a minor under the age of fourteen sixteen years is likely
11 to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of
12 the minor's parent, guardian, or person having charge of the
13 minor, the minor lawfully gains access to the firearm without
14 the consent of the minor's parent, guardian, or person having
15 charge of the minor, and the minor exhibits the firearm in a
16 public place in an unlawful manner, or uses the firearm
17 unlawfully to cause injury or death to a person. This
18 subsection does not apply if the minor obtains the firearm as
19 a result of an unlawful entry by any person. A violation of
20 this subsection is punishable as a serious misdemeanor.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill provides that a person commits a serious
23 misdemeanor if a juvenile under the age of 16 years obtains
24 access to a loaded firearm and exhibits the firearm
25 unlawfully. Currently, the penalty applies if a juvenile
26 under the age of 14 years obtains access to a firearm.

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