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HOUSE FILE 2225
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to access to firearms by persons under the age of
2 eighteen and providing penalties.

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 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. ACCESS TO LOADED FIREARMS BY CHILDREN RESTRICTED --
4 PENALTY.

5 a. It shall be unlawful for any person to store or leave a
6 loaded firearm which is not secured by a trigger lock
7 mechanism, placed in a securely locked box or container, or
8 placed in some other location which a reasonable person would
9 believe to be secure from a minor under the age of fourteen
10 eighteen years, if such person knows or has reason to believe
11 that a minor under the age of fourteen eighteen years is
12 likely to gain access to the firearm without the lawful
13 permission of the minor's parent, guardian, or person having
14 charge of the minor, the minor lawfully gains access to the
15 firearm without the consent of the minor's parent, guardian,
16 or person having charge of the minor, and the minor exhibits
17 the firearm in a public place in an unlawful manner, or uses
18 the firearm unlawfully to cause injury or death to a person.

19 b. This subsection does not apply if the minor obtains the
20 firearm as a result of an unlawful entry by any person.

21 c. A violation of this subsection is punishable as a
22 serious misdemeanor.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill amends Code chapter 724, relating to restricted
25 access to firearms by minors.

26 The bill changes the penalties for unsafe storage of and
27 unlawful access to firearms by minors to include all minors
28 under the age of 18, rather than 14. The bill also divides
29 the subsection into paragraphs.

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