

1 AN ACT concerning 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 changing
5 Section 24-9 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-9)

7 Sec. 24-9. Firearms; minor protection ~~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 or
10 her control, a firearm if the person knows or has reason to
11 believe that a minor under the age of 18 ~~14~~ years who does not
12 have a Firearm Owners Identification Card or who is not serving
13 in the military is likely to gain access to the firearm without
14 the lawful permission of the minor's parent, guardian, or
15 person having charge of the minor, ~~and the minor causes death~~
16 ~~or great bodily harm with 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) (blank) ~~placed in some other location that a~~
22 ~~reasonable person would believe to be secure from a minor~~
23 ~~under the age of 14 years.~~

24 (b) Sentence.

25 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of
26 this subsection (b), a ~~A~~ person who violates this Section
27 is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and shall be fined not
28 less than \$1,000. A second or subsequent violation of this
29 Section is a Class A misdemeanor.

30 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who
31 violates this Section, and a minor under the age of 18
32 causes death or great bodily harm with the firearm stored

1 or left in violation of this Section, is guilty of a Class
2 A misdemeanor.

3 (c) Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) ~~Subsection (a)~~ does not
4 apply:

5 (1) if the minor under 18 ~~14~~ years of age gains access
6 to a firearm and uses it in a lawful act of self-defense or
7 defense of another; or

8 (2) to any firearm obtained by a minor under the age of
9 18 ~~14~~ because of an unlawful entry of the premises by the
10 minor or another person.

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

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