

**Second Regular Session**

**Sixty-second General Assembly**

LLS NO. 00-0009.01 Julie Pelegrin

HOUSE BILL 00-1197

**STATE OF COLORADO**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Williams S., Coleman, Keller, Mace, Tapia,  
and Windels;  
also SENATORS Perlmutter, Linkhart, and Weddig

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROHIBITION OF THE NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF FIREARMS.

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Makes it a class 3 misdemeanor if a person negligently stores a firearm in such a manner that a juvenile obtains possession of the firearm and uses it to commit a criminal offense.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** Article 12 of title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4           **18-12-111. Negligent storage of firearms.** (1) A PERSON  
5 COMMITS A CLASS 3 MISDEMEANOR IF SUCH PERSON NEGLIGENTLY STORES  
6 A FIREARM IN SUCH A MANNER THAT A JUVENILE OBTAINS POSSESSION OF  
7 THE FIREARM AND USES THE FIREARM IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF  
8 THIS TITLE OR ANY MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE OR COUNTY RESOLUTION.

9           (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "NEGLIGENTLY STORES"  
10 MEANS TO PLACE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN A LOCATION WHERE A  
11 REASONABLE PERSON WOULD PERCEIVE A SUBSTANTIAL AND  
12 UNJUSTIFIABLE RISK THAT A JUVENILE WOULD OBTAIN POSSESSION OF THE

1 FIREARM.

2           **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take  
3 effect upon passage, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after  
4 said date.

5           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.