Session of 2025

SENATE BILL No. 133

By Senator Holscher

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to firearms; enacting the responsible gun ownership act; establishing the crime of unlawful storage of a firearm; providing penalties for violations thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Unlawful storage of a firearm is storing or leaving a firearm that is not secured by a trigger lock mechanism, placed in a securely locked safe, box or other container or placed in some other location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure from any minor gaining access to such firearm and when such firearm is:

(1) Accessed by a minor;

(2) used by a minor to cause bodily harm to another person; or

(3) used by a minor to cause great bodily harm to or the death of another person.

(b) Unlawful storage of a firearm as defined in:

(1) Subsection (a)(1) is a class C person misdemeanor;

(2) subsection (a)(2) is a severity level 9, person felony; and

(3) subsection (a)(3) is a severity level 5, person felony.

(c) It shall not be a violation of subsection (a) if at the time the firearm was accessed or used by a minor:

(1) The firearm was inoperable;

(2) the firearm was within the firearm owner's immediate access and control;

(3) the minor unlawfully entered the area where the firearm was stored or left; or

(4) the firearm was used by a minor in lawful defense of the minor's person, another person or the minor's property.

(d) As used in this section, "minor" means any person under 18 years of age.

(e) This section shall be known and may be cited as the responsible gun ownership act.

(f) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.