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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donnally of Hyde Park, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, White of Bethel, and Williams of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Criminal procedures; firearms

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enact several measures related to firearms. The bill proposes:

- (1) the following requirements related to firearms storage:

1           (A) to require that, when a firearm is not in a person's immediate  
2 possession or control, the firearm must be properly secured in such a way to  
3 render it inoperable by any person other than the owner or other lawfully  
4 authorized user and stored separately from ammunition and to set forth  
5 escalating penalties for violation of this provision based on the severity of the  
6 harm resulting from not properly securing a firearm as required by law;

7           (B) to require federally licensed firearms dealers to post a sign in the  
8 dealer's place of business that states the requirements for firearms storage  
9 under Vermont law and to provide firearms purchasers with written materials  
10 at the time of purchase that contain guidance for safe firearms storage;

11           (C) to impose criminal and civil liability on a person who violates  
12 Vermont safe storage requirements with respect to a firearm that is  
13 subsequently used to injure or kill another person; and

14           (D) to make an appropriation for fiscal year 2024 that provides short-  
15 term funding to help Vermonters purchase safes, depositories, and other  
16 equipment for secure firearms storage;

17           (2) to permit a family or household member to file a petition for an  
18 Emergency Risk Protection Order;

19           (3) to require a 10-day waiting period for all firearms sales;

20           (4) to prohibit a person from possessing a firearm on premises where  
21 alcohol is licensed to be served; and

