

By Senator Torres

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the safe storage of firearms;
3 creating s. 790.0656, F.S.; providing firearm storage
4 requirements for licensed importers, licensed
5 manufacturers, and licensed dealers under certain
6 circumstances; authorizing agents or employees of the
7 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
8 perform inspections under certain circumstances;
9 providing noncriminal penalties; providing an
10 effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 790.0656, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 790.0656 Safe storage of firearms by licensed importers,
17 manufacturers, and dealers.-

18 (1) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed
19 dealer who stores or leaves on a business premises under its
20 control a firearm shall, when the premises is not open for
21 business, secure each firearm on the premises using one of the
22 following methods:

23 (a) Secure the firearm with a hardened steel rod or cable
24 of at least 1/8 inch in diameter through the trigger guard of
25 the firearm. The steel rod or cable shall be secured with a
26 hardened steel lock that has a shackle. The lock and shackle
27 shall be protected or shielded from the use of a bolt cutter,
28 and the rod or cable shall be anchored in a manner that prevents
29 the removal of the firearm from the premises;

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30 (b) Store the firearm in a locked fireproof safe or vault
31 in the licensee's business premises; or

32 (c) Store the firearm in a hardened, impact-resistant,
33 locked cabinet.

34 (2) A duly authorized agent or employee of the Department
35 of Agriculture and Consumer Services may inspect in a lawful
36 manner at all reasonable hours any business premises subject to
37 the requirements of this section.

38 (3) A violation of this section is a noncriminal violation,
39 punishable as provided in s. 775.083.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.