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	CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
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1	Representative Woodson offered the following:
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3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Between lines 24 and 25, insert:
5	Section 2. Section 790.174, Florida Statutes, is amended
6	to read:
7	790.174 Safe storage of firearms required
8	(1) <u>(a)</u> A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under
9	his or her control, a <del>loaded</del> firearm, as defined in s. 790.001,
10	and who knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely
11	to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of
12	the minor's parent or the person having charge of the minor, or
13	without the supervision required by law, shall keep the firearm
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in a securely locked box or container or in a location which a reasonable person would believe to be secure or shall secure it with a trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the firearm on his or her body or within such close proximity thereto that he or she can retrieve and use it as easily and quickly as if he or she carried it on his or her body.

20 (b) A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under his or her control, a firearm, as defined in s. 790.001, and who 21 22 knows or reasonably should know that a prohibited user is likely 23 to gain access to the firearm, shall keep the firearm in a securely locked box or container or shall secure it with a 24 25 trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the firearm on 26 his or her body or within such close proximity thereto that he 27 or she can retrieve and use the firearm as easily and quickly as 28 if he or she carried it on his or her body. For the purposes of 29 this section, the term "prohibited user" means any person who is 30 prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm. 31 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), It is a

32 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
33 775.082 or s. 775.083, if a person violates subsection (1):
34 (a) It is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable

35 <u>as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.</u>

36 (b) by failing to store or leave a firearm in the required 37 manner And as a result thereof If, as a result of the violation, 38 a prohibited user or a minor gains access to the firearm, 284935

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39	without the lawful permission of the minor's parent or the
40	person having charge of the minor, and possesses or exhibits it,
41	without the supervision required by law:
42	<u>1.(a)</u> In a public place; or
43	2.(b) In a rude, careless, angry, or threatening manner in
44	violation of s. 790.10.
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46	A person who violates subsection (1) commits misdemeanor of the
47	first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
48	775.083.
49	(c) The penalties provided in this section do not apply if
50	the prohibited user or the minor obtains the firearm: This
51	subsection does not apply
52	<u>1.</u> If the minor obtains the firearm As a result of an
53	unlawful entry by any person.
54	2. While lawfully acting in self-defense or defense of
55	another.
56	3. With the permission of the minor's parent or guardian
57	and the minor uses or possesses the firearm during the minor's
58	employment; ranching or farming; or target practice, hunting, or
59	instruction in the safe use of a firearm.
60	(3) As used in this <u>section</u> <del>act,</del> the term:
61	(a) "Locked box or container" means a secure container
62	that is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, key lock,
63	combination lock, or similar locking device.
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64	(b) "Locking device" means a trigger lock, cable lock, or
65	similar lock that prevents an unloaded firearm from discharging
66	when properly engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable by
67	any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized
68	user.
69	(c) "Minor" means any person under the age of $18$ $16$ .
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72	TITLE AMENDMENT
73	Remove lines 2-7 and insert:
74	An act relating to firearms; amending s. 790.065, F.S.;
75	reducing the minimum age at which a person may purchase a
76	firearm and the age of purchasers to which specified
77	licensees are prohibited from selling or transferring a
78	firearm; repealing an exception; amending s. 790.174, F.S.;
79	revising requirements for the safe storage of firearms;
80	providing and revising definitions; revising criminal
81	penalties for violations; providing exceptions; providing
82	definitions; providing an effective date.
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