

By Senator Berman

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to safe storage of firearms and
ammunition in motor vehicles and vessels; creating s.
790.176, F.S.; defining the terms "motor vehicle,"
"trunk," and "vessel"; requiring persons who store or
leave firearms or ammunition in motor vehicles or
vessels under their control to keep the firearms or
ammunition locked inside specified locations within
the motor vehicles or vessels while such persons are
not in the motor vehicles or vessels; providing
criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 790.176, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

790.176 Requirements for safe storage of firearms and
ammunition in motor vehicles and vessels.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in s.
320.01(1).

(b) "Trunk" means the fully enclosed and locked main
storage compartment of a motor vehicle which is not accessible
from the passenger compartment. The term does not include a
compartment that has a window, the bed of a pickup truck, or the
rear area of a hatchback, station wagon-type motor vehicle, or
sport utility motor vehicle.

(c) "Vessel" has the same meaning as in s. 327.02.

(2) A person who stores or leaves a firearm, whether loaded

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30 or unloaded, or ammunition in a motor vehicle or vessel under
31 his or her control while the person is not in the motor vehicle
32 or vessel must keep the firearm or ammunition locked inside the
33 trunk, inside a locked utility or glove box, or inside a locked
34 container securely affixed to the motor vehicle or vessel.

35 (3) A person who violates subsection (2) commits a
36 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
37 775.082 or s. 775.083.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.