

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.7:1, relating to storage of*
3 *firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present; penalty.*

4 [S 1134]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.7:1 as follows:**

8 **§ 18.2-308.7:1. Storage of firearms; penalty.**

9 *A. Any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a minor or a person*
10 *who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is present shall store such firearm and the ammunition*
11 *for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that is inaccessible to such minor or*
12 *prohibited person. A firearm may be stored loaded, provided that (i) such firearm is stored in a biometric*
13 *storage device and (ii) no minor or prohibited person is an authorized user for the lock of such biometric*
14 *storage device. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.*

15 *B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any person in lawful possession of a firearm who is*
16 *carrying such firearm on or about his person or (ii) the storage of any antique firearm as defined in §*
17 *18.2-308.2:2.*

18 *C. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing any person from lawfully authorizing a minor*
19 *to access a firearm in accordance with § 18.2-56.2.*

20 *D. Every dealer, as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2, shall post in a conspicuous manner at the premises of such*
21 *dealer a notice stating: "Any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a*
22 *minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is present shall store such firearm and*
23 *the ammunition for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that is inaccessible to such*
24 *minor or prohibited person. A violation of this law is a Class 4 misdemeanor."*

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