

2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 348**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

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

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9 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
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11 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

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

13 **§ 18.2-308.7:1. Storage of firearms; penalty.**

14 *A. For purposes of this section:*

15 *"Firearm" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-308.2:2.*

16 *"Minor" means an individual younger than 18 years of age who is not authorized to use or possess a*
17 *firearm under § 18.2-308.7.*

18 *"On or about his person" means that the firearm is located as though it were on the person's body such*
19 *that the person is able to prevent another person who is not an authorized person from obtaining the firearm.*

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

26 *C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any person in lawful possession of a firearm who is*
27 *carrying such firearm on or about his person or (ii) the storage of any antique firearm as defined in § 18.2-*
28 *308.2:2.*

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

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

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