

HOUSE BILL 7074

By Freeman

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the safe storage of firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each person who owns or purchases a firearm, or who holds a permit to carry a handgun either openly or concealed under this part, is encouraged, while not lawfully carrying the firearm, to store the firearm:

- (1) In a locked compartment;
- (2) With a trigger locking device; or
- (3) With a locked device rendering the firearm:

(A) Inaccessible to a person other than the owner or person in lawful possession of the firearm; and

(B) Immovable from the stored location.

(b) A person who stores a firearm in a vehicle of any type is encouraged to store such firearm out of plain sight and in accordance with subdivision (a)(1) or (3).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.