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HOUSE BILL NO. 1904

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-56.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to allowing access to firearms by children; penalty.

Patron—Lopez

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-56.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-56.2. Allowing access to firearms by children; penalty.

A. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to recklessly leave a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of ~~fourteen~~ *14*. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. *It is unlawful for any person knowingly to authorize a child four years of age or younger to use a firearm or pneumatic gun under any circumstances. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

C. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person knowingly to authorize a child *five years of age or older but* under the age of ~~twelve~~ *12* to use a firearm except when the child is under the supervision of an adult. Any person violating this subsection ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

D. For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ *section*, "adult" ~~shall mean~~ *means* a parent, guardian, person standing in loco parentis to the child, or a person ~~twenty-one~~ *21* years *of age* or ~~over~~ *older* who has the permission of the parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to supervise the child in the use of a firearm.

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