

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the storage of firearms by licensed
 3 importers, manufacturers, and dealers; creating s.
 4 790.0656, F.S.; providing firearm storage requirements
 5 for licensed importers, licensed manufacturers, and
 6 licensed dealers under certain circumstances;
 7 authorizing inspections by the Department of
 8 Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing
 9 noncriminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Section 790.0656, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 790.0656 Safe storage of firearms by licensed importers,
 16 manufacturers, and dealers.-

17 (1) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or
 18 licensed dealer who stores or leaves on a business premises
 19 under its control a firearm shall, when the premises is not open
 20 for business, secure each firearm on the premises using one of
 21 the following methods:

22 (a) Secure the firearm with a hardened steel rod or cable
 23 of at least 1/8 inch in diameter through the trigger guard of
 24 the firearm. The steel rod or cable shall be secured with a
 25 hardened steel lock that has a shackle. The lock and shackle

26 | shall be protected or shielded from the use of a bolt cutter,
27 | and the rod or cable shall be anchored in a manner that prevents
28 | the removal of the firearm from the premises;

29 | (b) Store the firearm in a locked fireproof safe or vault
30 | in the licensee's business premises; or

31 | (c) Store the firearm in a hardened, impact-resistant,
32 | locked cabinet.

33 | (2) A duly authorized agent or employee of the Department
34 | of Agriculture and Consumer Services may inspect in a lawful
35 | manner at all reasonable hours any business premises subject to
36 | the requirements of this section.

37 | (3) A violation of this section is a noncriminal
38 | violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.083.

39 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2021.