

Senators:

SB945 would make it illegal to possess an unlocked firearm in the presence of a minor—even though it's on one's own property. All this is going to do is put even more burden on responsible gun-owners who take the time to know the laws and who take firearms safety dead-seriously and, God forbid, get a few people stepped on by the justice system for doing nothing wrong. What's more is that it's a blatant infringement on property rights, and there's enough of that already."

I think it in many cases it would fabricate liability the moment someone raises the issue to the parents which seems like nothing more than tattling. I'm left wondering in all of these instances why create punishments for previously, responsible, lawful behavior that hurt no one? It's already illegal for kids to mess around with firearms unless they're engaged in an activity.

The main thing that stands out to me in 945 is the potential for self-incriminating by reporting stolen guns if they happen to be stolen by a minor as it may be very hard to determine whether they were "properly" locked up.

Also, I think it seeks to create a ridiculous circumstance of a victimless crimes since it adds the requirement of parental permission for the temporary possession of a firearm by a minor for target shooting or hunting. These could be high school or college age people. I spent not a small part of my youth out in the woods target shooting and while I could argue till I was blue in the face that it was "my gun" and my folks didn't care as long as I didn't get hurt, I wouldn't be able to prove I had "permission" until someone asked. I hadn't asked permission in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...etc years

Yours

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