

HB 2510, sponsored by Representative Rachel Prusak (D-37), imposes government-mandated standards for storing a firearm, rendering a person's firearm useless when needed for self-defense. This is a matter of personal responsibility, not government oversight. HB 2510 requires firearms to be locked when not in use, even at home, and during transportation. Failing to do so could cost you \$500-\$2,000 and result in misdemeanor charges for violations, which are imposed on each firearm. It also victimizes gun owners who suffer loss or theft of their property by imposing fines and strict liability on them, rather than the thief, for up to two years following the theft.

This is an absurd regulation and an outrage besides. Perhaps the anticipated massive civil disobedience is welcomed as a source of revenue, but the perpetrators will find themselves out of a job. If we assume that concealed carry permit holders are exempt from this requirement, we can assume a massive increase in applications for the permit. Or should we assume that CCP'ers will be expected to carry a lockbox on their person?