

Committee Action:
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Assembly Committee on Judiciary

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 355

Revises provisions relating to firearms. (BDR 15-937)

Sponsored By: Assembly Members Jauregui, Yeager, and Monroe-Moreno
Date Heard: April 6, 2023
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

This bill prohibits a person who is less than 21 years of age to possess or control a: (1) semiautomatic shotgun; or (2) semiautomatic centerfire rifle. The bill also provides that it is unlawful to aid or knowingly permit a person who is less than 21 years of age to possess a firearm under certain circumstances. This bill prohibits a child who is 14 years of age or older from handling, possessing, or controlling a semiautomatic shotgun or semiautomatic centerfire rifle. Under certain circumstances where a child who is 14 years of age or older is authorized to handle, possess, or control a rifle or shotgun, the firearm must not be a semiautomatic shotgun or semiautomatic centerfire rifle; and the rifle or shotgun, while not in use, must remain unloaded and stored in a securely locked container under the possession of certain persons.

Amendments: There is one proposed amendment. Assemblywoman Jauregui proposed an amendment, which does the following:

- Amends Section 1, subsection 4 to provide that the provisions do not apply to a member of the Armed Forces who is under 21 years of age, an honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces, or a law enforcement officer who is employed by a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency.

Amendment to AB355 Proposed by Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui

Amend section 1 sub 4 to read:

The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who is less than 21 years of age and who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or an honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a law enforcement officer who is employed by a federal, state or local law enforcement agency.