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Short Title: Firearm in Unattended Vehicle/Safely Store. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Morey, Clark, Harrison, and Martin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE

UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED AND THE FIREARM IS SECURED OR
OTHERWISE SAFELY STORED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten: "§ **14-269.9.** Firearms in unattended motor vehicles.

- (a) Definition. For purposes of this section, the term "firearm" is as defined in $G.S.\ 14-408.1$.
- (b) <u>Prohibition. It is unlawful to leave a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle unless</u> the vehicle is locked and the firearm is either (i) secured with a trigger lock or other safety device designed to prevent an unauthorized user from operating the firearm or (ii) in a locked container.
- (c) Penalty. Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."
- **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

