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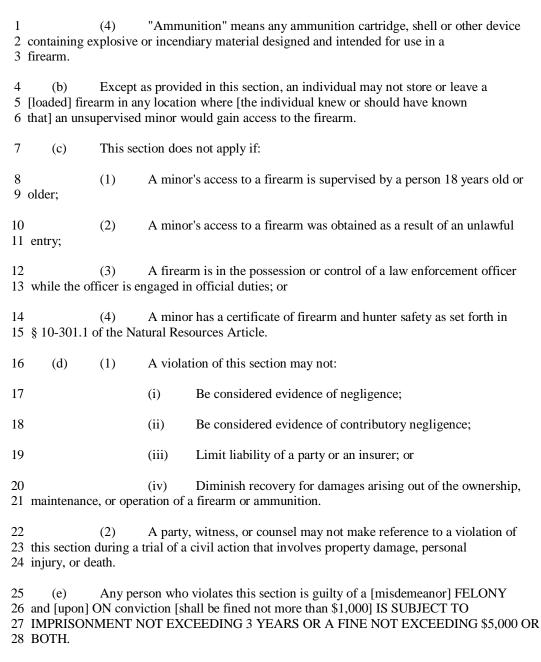
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By: Senators Hoffman, Conway, Sfikas, McFadden, Blount, Ruben, and Hollinger Introduced and read first time: February 1, 1999 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Minors' Access to Firearms - Felony 3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a prohibition against an individual storing or leaving a firearm in a location where a certain minor would gain 4 5 access to the firearm apply to a loaded firearm that the offender knows or 6 should have known that a certain minor would gain access to the firearm; 7 altering from a misdemeanor to a felony the penalty for storing or leaving a firearm in a location where an unsupervised minor would gain access to the 8 firearm; increasing certain penalties; and generally relating to access to 9 10 firearms under certain conditions. 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments 12 13 Section 36K 14 Annotated Code of Maryland 15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement) 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 18 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments** 19 36K. 20 In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) (1) 21 (2) "Firearm" means a pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, (i) 22 short-barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun, or any other firearm. 23 (ii) "Firearm" does not include antique firearms as defined in § 36F 24 of this article.

"Minor" means an individual under the age of 16.



29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 30 October 1, 1999.