

DATE: February 19, 2020
BILL NO.: House Bill 636
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
TITLE: *Public Safety – Access to Firearms –Storage Requirements*
POSITION: Oppose

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HB 636 would eliminate the ability for individuals under the age of 18 years to engage in hunting activities without the direct supervision of an adult. This is unreasonable. Additionally, the bill prohibits storing any firearm, loaded or unloaded, in a location in which a minor COULD gain access to it. Practically speaking, a minor could potentially access any firearm regardless of the safe storage precautions taken by the firearm’s owner. This bill places all firearm owners in Maryland in legal jeopardy whenever they allow minors into their homes. I request an “unfavorable” vote on HB 636.