

I oppose SB0479 for many reasons.

The proposed bill defines a "Child" as anyone under 18 years old.

The Bill then states that it is unlawful if a "child" COULD gain access to a firearm, weather it is locked up or not.

There are many problems with this bill:

There is no clear definition that a gun owner has met reasonable obligation to secure their firearms, only the ever moving goal of "Could a Minor access the firearms"

Next, The bill would deny a minor any access to ammunition,, it is hard to hunt without ammunition.

The 2nd issue is,, we live in a rural area and live on acreage. All of my children started hunt by 7 years old and were trained on safe handling of firearms at a very young age. My children have hunted on their own as minors (on our property) and have had access to our (mine and theirs) firearms. This bill would for the most part eliminate the tradition of minors hunting

This Bill strikes me as written by someone who lives in the city and has never experienced life in a rural area.

In the end, if this were to be passed into law, it would be ignored in the rural areas.

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