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HB 203 Sectional Alaska Secure Storage of Firearms

This bill amends Alaska Statute 11.

Section 1: States that the bill may be known as the Alaska Secure Storage of Firearms Act.

Section 2: Amends AS 11.61.210(a) related to misconduct involving weapons in the fourth degree by adding a new subsection (9) to read that a violation has occurred if Sec. 11.61.225 (described in section 3 below) has been violated and a prohibited person has used a firearm to commit a crime or to injure themselves or another.

Section 3: Adds a new section AS 11.61.225 establishing misconduct involving weapons in the sixth degree as well as related definitions. Subsections include the following:

Section 3 (a) (1): A person commits misconduct involving weapons in the sixth degree if they keep on premises a firearm that is not under the direct control of an authorized person or is not securely stored and is able to be accessed by someone other than the owner or an authorized person.

Section 3 (a) (2): A person commits misconduct involving weapons in the sixth degree if they know or reasonably should know that a prohibited person or a person that is not the owner or an authorized person is able to access the firearm.

Section 3 (b) (1): References storage devices approved by the Department of Public Safety as meeting the definition of “locked container.”

Section 3 (b) (2): References current Federal and state law defining a “prohibited person.”

Section 3 (c): Establishes a \$500 fine for keeping an unsecured firearm under section a (1), and a \$1,000 fine for knowingly allowing access to an unsecured firearm under section a (2).

Section 4: States that the violations described in this bill are effective on and after the effective date of the bill.