SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2629

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 571.070, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to unlawful possession of a firearm, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 571.070, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 571.070, to read as follows:

571.070. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm if such person knowingly has any firearm in his or her possession and:

- (1) Such person has been convicted of a **violent** felony under the laws of this state[5] or of a crime under the laws of any state or of the United States [which] that, if committed within this state, would be a **violent** felony; or
- (2) Such person is on probation or parole for a nonviolent felony under the laws of this state or for a crime under the laws of any state or the United States that, if committed within this state, would be a nonviolent felony; or
- (3) Such person is a fugitive from justice, is habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, or is currently adjudged mentally incompetent.

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- 12 For purposes of this section, a "violent felony" is any felony offense that involves the use
- 13 of threat or force against another person and a "nonviolent felony" is any felony offense
- 14 that does not involve the use of threat or force against another person.
- 2. Unlawful possession of a firearm is a class D felony, unless a person has been convicted of a dangerous felony as defined in section 556.061, in which case it is a class C felony.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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3. The provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to

19 the possession of an antique firearm.

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