Short Title:	Firearm in Unattended Vehicle/Safely Store.	(Public)

Sponsors:	Representatives Morey, Lopez, Logan, and Longest (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 24, 2025

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE
3   UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED AND THE FIREARM IS SECURED OR
4   OTHERWISE SAFELY STORED.
5   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6   **SECTION 1.** Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
7   a new section to read:
8   "**§ 14-269.9. Firearms in unattended motor vehicles.**
9   (a)   Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "firearm" is as defined in
10 G.S. 14-408.1.
11   (b)   Prohibition. – It is unlawful to leave a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle unless
12 the vehicle is locked and the firearm is either (i) secured with a trigger lock or other safety device
13 designed to prevent an unauthorized user from operating the firearm or (ii) in a locked container.
14   (c)   Penalty. – Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class
15 2 misdemeanor."
16   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses
17 committed on or after that date.