SENATE BILL 7101

By Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 39, relative to the safe storage of firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

In order to prevent the theft of firearms, and to prevent children who are less than sixteen (16) years of age and persons who are in mental health crises from accessing firearms, unless a firearm is being carried by or under the control of the firearm's owner, or another lawfully authorized user, the firearm's owner or authorized user is encouraged to store the firearm securely in a locked container, unloaded, and separate from ammunition so as to render the firearm inoperable by a person other than the owner or another lawfully authorized user.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.