



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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## 2017 BILL

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal and recreate* 948.55 of the statutes; **relating to:** storage of  
2             a firearm in residence if child is present and providing a criminal penalty.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill prohibits a person from storing or leaving a firearm at his or her residence in any place other than in a securely locked box or container or other secure locked location or with a trigger lock engaged if the person resides with a child who is under the age of 18 or if the person knows a child who is under the age of 18 will be present in the person's residence. A person who violates this requirement is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class I felony for a second or subsequent offense. This replaces the current law that penalizes a person who recklessly stores or leaves a loaded firearm within reach of a child who is under 14 if the child obtains it and does one of the following: 1) discharges the firearm and causes bodily harm or death (Class A misdemeanor); or 2) possesses or exhibits the firearm in a public place or endangers public safety (Class C misdemeanor).

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3             **SECTION 1.** 948.55 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:  
4             **948.55 Storage of firearm if children present.** (1) In this section, "child"  
5             means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.

