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House Committees

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Not assigned

A BILL FOR AN ACT

**CONCERNING AMENDING THE STATUTES REGULATING THE TRANSPORTATION OF
FIREARMS**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <https://saleg.uscgov.com>)

This bill amends S.A.R.S. §2-09-11 concerning the storage and transportation of firearms in motor vehicles by simplifying existing requirements for lawful firearm owners. The bill removes statutory requirements that firearms be stored in a vehicle's trunk, placed in a locked container, or transported separately from ammunition.

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.**

Under the amended statute, a firearm and its ammunition may be transported anywhere within a motor vehicle, including the passenger compartment, provided the individual is otherwise legally permitted to possess a firearm. The bill is intended to clarify lawful transportation standards and reduce ambiguity in compliance requirements while maintaining prohibitions against reckless or unlawful handling of firearms.

The legislation preserves criminal penalties for transporting or handling a firearm in a manner that creates a substantial and unjustifiable risk to public safety and does not alter existing prohibitions on firearm possession by individuals otherwise prohibited under state or federal law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of San*
2 *Andreas:*
3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This act shall be known and cited
4 as the “Firearm Transportation Act.” **SECTION 2.**
5 **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.** (a) The General
6 Assembly finds that existing statutory requirements governing the
7 transportation of firearms in motor vehicles impose unnecessary
8 restrictions on lawful firearm owners and create confusion
9 regarding legal compliance. (b) Lawful transportation of firearms
10 should recognize the right of individuals to possess firearms while
11 maintaining reasonable standards for public safety and preventing
12 unlawful or reckless handling. (c) It is the intent of the General
13 Assembly to amend S.A.R.S. §2-09-11 to simplify transportation
14 requirements by removing mandates requiring storage in a trunk,
15 separation from ammunition, or placement in a locked container,
16 while preserving penalties for unsafe or unlawful conduct.
17 **SECTION 3. DELETIONS TO S.A.R.S. §2-09-11.** ~~A firearm~~
18 ~~being transported in a motor vehicle has to meet the following~~
19 ~~requirements for the mode of transportation to be legal in San~~
20 ~~Andreas. The firearm is disassembled in a secure (locked) case in~~
21 ~~the trunk of a motor vehicle. The ammunition for the firearm is in~~
22 ~~a separate, secured (locked) case also in the trunk of a motor~~

1 ~~vehicle. If occupants are in the seats closest to the vehicle's trunk~~
2 ~~area, these items must be moved to ensure unavailability and~~
3 ~~unreachability of those deadly weapons by the occupants. Anyone~~
4 ~~in violation is guilty under this section of the statutes. This crime~~
5 ~~can be prosecuted as a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, punishable~~
6 ~~by a \$3500 dollar fine. SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO~~
7 ~~S.A.R.S. §2-09-11 — STORAGE OR TRANSPORTATION OF~~
8 ~~FIREARMS. S.A.R.S. §2-09-11 is amended to read as follows:~~
9 §2-09-11. Storage or Transportation of Firearms. (A) A
10 FIREARM MAY BE LAWFULLY TRANSPORTED IN A
11 MOTOR VEHICLE BY ANY PERSON OTHERWISE
12 PERMITTED BY LAW TO POSSESS A FIREARM. (B) A
13 FIREARM TRANSPORTED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE IS NOT
14 REQUIRED TO BE: (I) STORED IN THE TRUNK OF THE
15 VEHICLE; (II) STORED IN A LOCKED CONTAINER OR
16 CASE; OR (III) STORED SEPARATELY FROM
17 AMMUNITION. (C) A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION MAY
18 BE TRANSPORTED IN THE SAME LOCATION WITHIN A
19 MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING THE PASSENGER
20 COMPARTMENT. (D) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL
21 BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE: (I) THE RECKLESS
22 HANDLING OR DISPLAY OF A FIREARM; (II) POSSESSION
23 OF A FIREARM BY A PERSON PROHIBITED FROM
24 POSSESSING FIREARMS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL
25 LAW; OR (III) TRANSPORTATION OF A FIREARM IN
26 VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW. (E) A
27 PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY TRANSPORTS OR HANDLES
28 A FIREARM IN A MANNER THAT CREATES A
29 SUBSTANTIAL AND UNJUSTIFIABLE RISK TO PUBLIC
30 SAFETY COMMITS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR,
31 PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THREE
32 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500). (C)
33 AMMUNITION MAY BE TRANSPORTED IN THE SAME

1 VEHICLE AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE STORED IN A
2 SEPARATE LOCKED CONTAINER, PROVIDED IT IS NOT
3 LOADED INTO THE FIREARM DURING
4 TRANSPORTATION UNLESS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY
5 LAW. (D) IF OCCUPANTS ARE SEATED IN AREAS WITH
6 DIRECT ACCESS TO THE STORAGE LOCATION OF THE
7 FIREARM, THE FIREARM SHALL BE POSITIONED OR
8 SECURED SO AS TO PREVENT IMMEDIATE REACH OR
9 UNAUTHORIZED HANDLING. (E) NOTHING IN THIS
10 SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT LAWFUL POSSESSION OR
11 TRANSPORTATION OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY STATE
12 LAW. (F) A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY TRANSPORTS A
13 FIREARM IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION COMMITS A
14 CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT
15 TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
16 DOLLARS (\$3,500). **SECTION 5.** EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act
17 shall take effect after the 90 day period following the final
18 adjournment of the Seventy-Seventh general assembly.