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HOUSE BILL 815

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

Sponsors: Representatives Morey, Clark, Harrison, and Martin (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 18, 2019

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 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 14-269.9. Firearms in unattended motor vehicles.**

8 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "firearm" is as defined in
9 G.S. 14-408.1.

10 (b) Prohibition. – It is unlawful to leave a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle unless
11 the vehicle is locked and the firearm is either (i) secured with a trigger lock or other safety device
12 designed to prevent an unauthorized user from operating the firearm or (ii) in a locked container.

13 (c) Penalty. – Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class
14 2 misdemeanor."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses
16 committed on or after that date.

