

(4) "AMMUNITION" MEANS ANY AMMUNITION CARTRIDGE, SHELL OR OTHER DEVICE CONTAINING EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY MATERIAL DESIGNED AND INTENDED FOR USE IN A FIREARM.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT STORE OR LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM IN ANY LOCATION WHERE ~~IT MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED~~ THE INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT AN UNSUPERVISED MINOR ~~MAY~~ WOULD GAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF:

(1) A MINOR'S ACCESS TO A FIREARM IS SUPERVISED BY A PERSON 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER;

~~(2) A FIREARM HAS BEEN SECURED WITH A TRIGGER LOCK OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE WHICH PREVENTS THE FIREARM FROM FIRING AMMUNITION;~~

~~(3)~~ (2) A MINOR'S ACCESS TO A FIREARM WAS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF AN UNLAWFUL ENTRY;

(4) (3) A FIREARM IS IN THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHILE THE OFFICER IS ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL DUTIES; OR

(5) (4) A MINOR HAS A CERTIFICATE OF FIREARM AND HUNTER SAFETY AS SET FORTH IN § 10-301.1 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

(D) (1) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT:

(I) BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE;

(II) BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE;

(III) LIMIT LIABILITY OF A PARTY OR AN INSURER; OR

(IV) DIMINISH RECOVERY FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, OR OPERATION OF A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION.

(2) A PARTY, WITNESS, OR COUNSEL MAY NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION DURING A TRIAL OF A CIVIL ACTION THAT INVOLVES PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

~~(D) (1) WHEN SELLING ANY FIREARM, A LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER SHALL OFFER TO SELL OR GIVE THE PURCHASER A TRIGGER LOCK OR SIMILAR DEVICE WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE FIREARM SECURED WITH SUCH DEVICE FROM FIRING AMMUNITION.~~