- (2) AT EVERY PURCHASE COUNTER IN EVERY STORE, SHOP, OR SALES OUTLET WHERE FIREARMS ARE SOLD, A LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER SHALL POST CONSPICUOUSLY THE FOLLOWING WARNING IN BLOCK LETTERS NOT LESS THAN 1 INCH IN HEIGHT: "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WHERE UNSUPERVISED MINORS ARE LIKELY TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM".
  - (E) (1) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT:
    - (I) BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE;
- (II) BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE;
  - (HI) 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, AMMUNITION, OR A TRIGGER LOCK:
- (2) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 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 IF THE DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH IS NOT RELATED TO THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION, SUPPLYING, OR REPAIR OF A FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR A TRIGGER LOCK.
- (3) (I) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE RIGHT OF A PERSON TO INSTITUTE A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST A DEALER, MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITY ARISING OUT OF AN INCIDENT THAT INVOLVES A DEFECTIVELY INSTALLED OR DEFECTIVELY OPERATING FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR TRIGGER LOCK.
- (II) IN A CIVIL ACTION IN WHICH 2 OR MORE PARTIES ARE NAMED AS JOINT TORT FEASORS, INTERPLEADED AS DEFENDANTS, OR IMPLEADED AS DEFENDANTS, AND 1 OF THE JOINT TORT FEASORS OR DEFENDANTS IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION, SUPPLYING, OR REPAIR OF A FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR TRIGGER LOCK, A COURT SHALL ORDER SEPARATE TRIALS TO ACCOMPLISH THE ENDS OF JUSTICE ON A MOTION OF ANY PARTY.
- (F) (1) (D) (E) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR BOTH.
- (2) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$500.