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NOTICE OF BILL RETURNED TO RULES COMMITTEE

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Mr. Speaker,

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee has returned **H.B. 354**, FIREARM ACCESS AMENDMENTS, by Representative A. Stoddard to the Rules Committee and with the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 11 through 17:*

- 11 This bill:
12 ▶ defines terms;
13 ▶ provides that a firearm shall be securely stored or rendered inoperable by a
locking
14 device; and
15 ▶ sets penalties for violations {~~;~~ and} .
16 ▶ {~~provides that if a person accesses an unlocked firearm and commits a~~
~~crime, the~~
17 ~~owner may be criminally liable.~~}

2. *Page 2, Lines 47 through 56:*

- 47 (4) If a restricted person, a minor, or an at-risk person gains access to a firearm
48 belonging to or under the control of an owner or authorized user, and the owner or
authorized
49 user failed to secure the firearm in a locked container or by a locking device, the owner or
50 authorized user in control of the firearm:
51 (a) is subject to a civil fine of \$1,000; or
52 (b) if the restricted person, minor, or at-risk person commits a crime or injures
another

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53 person, is subject to a civil fine of \$5,000 {~~in addition to being guilty of an offense~~
~~one level~~

54 ~~below the offense charged against the restricted person, minor, or at-risk person~~

} .

55 (5) Subsection (4) does not apply if ~~:~~

~~(a) the firearm is accessed by a person and used in a~~

56 lawful act of self-defense ~~; or~~

~~(b) the owner or authorized user of the firearm reported the firearm as stolen~~

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Respectfully,

Matthew H. Gwynn
Vice Chair

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