

Senate BILL NO. *52*
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6 YEARS EXCEPT WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OR
7 SUPERVISED BY A FIREARMS SAFETY INSTRUCTOR; AMENDING
8 SECTIONS 94-8-221 AND 94-8-222, R.C.M. 1947."
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17 under the age of ~~fourteen~~ 14 years, to permit such minor
18 child to carry or use any firearms of any description,
19 loaded with powder and lead, in public, except when such
20 child is in the company of such parent or guardian or under
21 the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor
22 who has been duly authorized by such parent or guardian.

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24 spring gun, spring pistol, BB gun, pellet gun, or implement
25 that is not a firearm which impels a pellet composed of hard

1 plastic, steel, lead, or other hard material with a force
2 that is capable of causing serious bodily injury.

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5 the age of 14 years to permit the minor child to carry or
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14 of ~~this act 94-8-221~~ shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and
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On motion, reconsider
adverse committee report.

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