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read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the safe storage of  
rifles, shotguns, and firearms

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 265.45 of the penal law, as amended by section 3 of  
2     part FF of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     S 265.45 Safe storage of rifles, shotguns, and firearms.  
5     No person who owns or is custodian of a rifle, shotgun or firearm [who  
6     resides with an individual who such person knows or has reason to know  
7     is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to 18 U.S.C. S 922(g)  
8     (1), (4), (8) or (9)] shall store or otherwise leave such rifle, shotgun  
9     or firearm out of his or her immediate possession or control without  
10    having first securely locked such rifle, shotgun or firearm in an appro-  
11    priate safe storage depository or rendered it incapable of being fired  
12    by use of a gun locking device appropriate to that weapon. For purposes  
13    of this section "safe storage depository" shall mean a safe or other  
14    secure container which, when locked, is incapable of being opened with-  
15    out the key, combination or other unlocking mechanism and is capable of  
16    preventing an unauthorized person from obtaining access to and  
17    possession of the weapon contained therein. [With respect to a person  
18    who is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to 18 USC S  
19    922(g)(9), for purposes of this section, this section applies only if  
20    such person has been convicted of a crime included in subdivision one of  
21    section 370.15 of the criminal procedure law and such gun is possessed  
22    within five years from the later of the date of conviction or completion  
23    of sentence.] Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect, impair

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 or supersede any special or local act relating to the safe storage of  
2 rifles, shotguns or firearms which impose additional requirements on the  
3 owner or custodian of such weapons.  
4 A violation of this section shall constitute a class A misdemeanor.  
5 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.