

REFERENCE TITLE: patient information; gun safety

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Introduced by
Senators Epstein: Alston, Gabaldón, Hernandez, Sundareshan

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-3230.02; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-116; RELATING TO PATIENT INFORMATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 32, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-3230.02, to read:

4 32-3230.02. Gun safety; parent information

5 A PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13, 14 OR 17 OF THIS
6 TITLE, A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 15 OF THIS
7 TITLE OR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 25 OF
8 THIS TITLE AND WHO PROVIDES WELL-BABY AND PEDIATRIC SERVICES MAY INFORM
9 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD DURING AN OFFICE VISIT FOR SUCH SERVICES
10 OF GUN SAFETY MEASURES THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE HOME. INFORMATION
11 ON GUN SAFETY MEASURES, INCLUDING PROPER GUN STORAGE, AND THE RISKS TO
12 CHILDREN WHO FIND A GUN IN THE HOME MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE PARENT OR
13 GUARDIAN VERBALLY OR BY PROVIDING A REFERENCE TO THE GUN SAFETY PAMPHLET
14 POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' WEBSITE PURSUANT TO SECTION
15 36-116.

16 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
17 is amended by adding section 36-116, to read:

18 36-116. Gun safety; pamphlet; posting

19 A. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A
20 PAMPHLET THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING GUN SAFETY MEASURES THAT
21 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MAY IMPLEMENT IN THE HOME WHERE CHILDREN ARE
22 PRESENT, INCLUDING PROPER GUN STORAGE, AND THE RISKS TO CHILDREN WHO FIND
23 A GUN IN THE HOME. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THIS PAMPHLET AS
24 NECESSARY.

25 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE GUN SAFETY PAMPHLET ON THE
26 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

27 Sec. 3. Legislative findings

28 The legislature finds that in the United States the leading cause of
29 death among children and adolescents is unintentional injury, that
30 firearms are a leading cause of those injuries and that over half of those
31 children and adolescents killed by firearms are killed in their own home.
32 The legislature further finds it necessary to educate parents about the
33 unintended deadly consequences of having a gun in their home that could be
34 accessible to children and adolescents.