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Rep. Paré Files Bill to Promote Safe Firearm Storage

RALEIGH- Rep. Erin Paré (R-Wake) introduced <u>HB56</u>, the Safe Firearm Storage Tax Exemption and Credit Bill, this week.

The bipartisan bill seeks to encourage safe firearm storage to keep guns from getting into the wrong people's hands. Specifically, it provides a temporary sales tax exemption and a tax credit for those who purchase gun storage that restricts the access of firearms from unintended people.

"As a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I also believe that gun owners have a responsibility to make sure their firearms are properly stored to reduce the risk of gun related accidents," said Rep. Erin Paré (R-Wake). "I am proud to introduce this bipartisan bill to promote gun safety and I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this legislation into law."

Other sponsors of the bill include Majority Leader John Bell (R-Wayne), Rep. Jay Adams (R-Catawba), and Rep. Allison Dahle (D-Wake).

Majority Leader Bell added, "I commend Rep. Paré for her leadership on this important issue and working to find bipartisan and achievable solutions that encourage gun safety."

<u>HB56</u> was unanimously approved by the House Judiciary 2 Committee on Wednesday, February 8, and now heads to the House Finance Committee for further consideration.