

Burglary Amendments
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Colin W. Jack

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the criminal offense of damaging a firearm storage container or safety device during the commission of a burglary.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the criminal offense of damaging a firearm storage container or safety device during the commission of a burglary; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-6-202.3, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-6-202.3** is enacted to read:

76-6-202.3 . Damaging a firearm storage container or safety device in the commission of a burglary.

(1)(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Burglary" means:

(A) the offense of burglary as described in Section 76-6-202;

(B) the offense of aggravated burglary as described in Section 76-6-203;

(C) the offense of burglary of a vehicle as described in Section 76-6-204; or

(D) the offense of burglary of a railroad car as described in Section 76-6-204.5.

(ii) "Firearm safety device" means a firearm trigger lock or other device intended to

prevent a firearm from being able to fire.

(iii) "Firearm storage container" means a box, case, chest, locker, safe, or similar receptacle that:

(A) can be locked or otherwise secured in a manner to prevent an individual from accessing the contents of the container; and

(B) is designed to contain, or contains, a firearm.

(b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-6-201 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits damaging a firearm storage container or safety device in the commission of a burglary if, in attempting, committing, or fleeing from a burglary, the actor knowingly damages, disables, or otherwise tampers with:

(a) a firearm storage container; or

(b) a firearm safety device.

(3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a third degree felony.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.