

1 AN ACT relating to gun safety for children.

2 WHEREAS, guns which are not stored safely or securely pose a clear safety risk to
3 children in the form of unintentional gun deaths, youth suicides, and school shootings;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, studies show that between 70 percent and 90 percent of guns used in
6 youth suicides, unintentional shootings among children, and school shootings perpetrated
7 by shooters under the age of 18 are acquired from the home or the homes of relatives or
8 friends; and

9 WHEREAS, it is imperative to impose liability on adults for failing to take simple
10 yet important measures to prevent unsupervised access to guns by young hands;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

13 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 527 IS CREATED TO
14 READ AS FOLLOWS:

15 **(1) A person is guilty of unlawful storage of a firearm when:**

16 **(a) He or she recklessly stores or leaves a firearm in a manner which allows a**
17 **minor to have unsupervised access to a firearm that is not secured by:**

18 **1. A securely locked container;**

19 **2. A device or mechanism, other than the firearm safety, designed to**
20 **render the firearm temporarily inoperable; or**

21 **3. Carrying the firearm on his or her body; and**

22 **(b) A minor, without permission of the minor's parent or guardian, accesses the**
23 **firearm.**

24 **(2) Unlawful storage of a firearm is a Class B misdemeanor, unless the minor,**
25 **without legal justification, uses the firearm in a manner which results in physical**
26 **injury, serious physical injury, or death to the minor or another person, in which**
27 **case it is a Class A misdemeanor.**

1 ➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as the Baby Dre Gun Safety Act.