

HB 2179 -- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

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Currently, an individual unlawfully possesses a firearm if such person knowingly has a firearm in his or her possession and: has been convicted of a felony in Missouri, a crime in any other state, or a federal crime that, if committed in Missouri, would be a felony; or such person is a fugitive, is habitually intoxicated or drugged, or is mentally incompetent.

This bill adds to that list a person under 18 in possession of a firearm on public property. However, possession of a firearm is not an offense if such person possesses the firearm while with someone who is at least 21 years of age; for a school-sanctioned, firearm-related event or club; for legal hunting; or for an otherwise lawful purpose.

This bill contains a penalty provision.

This bill is the same as HB 1535 (2024).