



2005 SENATE BILL 562

February 3, 2006 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 948.60 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** possession of
2 firearms by juveniles while hunting (suggested as remedial legislation by the
3 Department of Natural Resources).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

In one provision in current law, a person under the age of 18, who is in compliance with hunting laws, may possess or go armed with a firearm if the firearm barrel is at least 12 inches in length. The provision also permits an adult to sell, loan, or give a firearm to a person under the age of 18, who is in compliance with hunting laws, if the firearm barrel is at least 12 inches in length. However, current law prohibits a person from selling, offering to sell, transporting, purchasing, possessing, or going armed with a shotgun that has a barrel that is less than 18 inches in length (short-barreled shotgun) or a rifle that has a barrel that is less than 16 inches in length (short-barreled rifle).

This bill permits a person under the age 18, who is in compliance with hunting laws, to possess or go armed with a firearm if the firearm is neither a short-barreled shotgun nor a short-barreled rifle. This bill also permits an adult to sell, loan, or give a firearm to a person under the age of 18, who is compliance with hunting laws, if the firearm is neither a short-barreled rifle nor a short-barreled shotgun.

