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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 170
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, May 7, 2009, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to business premises safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 537.785 and 537.786, to read as follows:

537.785. 1. This act may be referred to and cited as the "Business Premises Safety Act".

2. As used in sections 537.785 and 537.786, the following terms mean:

(1) "Business", any commercial or agricultural enterprise including, but not limited to, sales, services, manufacturing, food service, property management or leasing company, or any other entity, whether for profit or not for profit, which owns, operates, or leases property to which persons are invited or permitted to visit;

(2) "Person", any individual other than an employee or agent of the owner or occupier of the property in question.

537.786. 1. An owner or operator of a business shall not restrict any person from lawfully possessing a firearm in a motor vehicle in possession of such person except a motor vehicle owned or leased by such business.

2. Any individual may bring a civil cause of action to enforce this section.

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