

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1482

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHIEFFER (Sponsor), GATSCHENBERGER, HOUGHTON,  
PIERSON, McGEORGHEGAN AND FALLERT (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 571.070, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to unlawful possession of a firearm, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 571.070, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 571.070, to read as follows:

571.070. 1. A person commits the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm if such person knowingly has any firearm in his or her possession and:

(1) Such person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, or of a crime under the laws of any state or of the United States which, if committed within this state, would be a felony; or

(2) Such person is a fugitive from justice, is habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, or is currently adjudged mentally incompetent.

2. Unlawful possession of a firearm is a class C felony.

3. The provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to the possession of an antique firearm.

**4. The provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to the possession of rifles or shotguns by any person who has not been convicted of a violent felony under the laws of this state, or of a crime under the laws of any state or of the United States which, if committed within this state, would be a violent felony. For purposes of this section a "violent felony" is any felony offense which involved the use of a weapon or explosive weapon, or the threat or use of physical force, or arson.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.