

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
3 articles, providing for report of theft or loss of a firearm.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
7 is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 6115.1. Report of theft or loss of firearm.

9 (a) Duty to report.--Any owner or other person lawfully in
10 possession of a firearm who suffers the loss or theft of a
11 weapon shall within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss or
12 theft report the facts and circumstances of the loss or theft to
13 the police department having jurisdiction where the loss or
14 theft occurred. The person making the report shall provide the
15 following information:

16 (1) Name and permanent address of the owner.

17 (2) Name of the manufacturer and importer.

18 (3) Model.

1 (4) Type of action.

2 (5) Caliber or gauge.

3 (6) Serial number.

4 (7) Any other information deemed necessary by the
5 officer or police department receiving the report.

6 (b) Sharing of information.--When a person reports the loss
7 or theft of a firearm to a police department, the officer or
8 department receiving the report shall forward notice of the loss
9 or theft with the information obtained under subsection (a) to
10 the Pennsylvania State Police.

11 (c) Pennsylvania State Police.--The Pennsylvania State
12 Police shall receive, collect and file the information forwarded
13 to it under subsection (a). The Pennsylvania State Police shall
14 cooperate, and undertake to furnish or make the information
15 available to all law enforcement agencies in this Commonwealth,
16 for the purpose of coordinating law enforcement efforts to
17 locate the weapons.

18 (d) Penalty.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
19 person who violates subsection (a) commits a summary offense
20 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.