

# HOUSE BILL 1501

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Reporting Loss or Theft**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time period within which the owner of a lost or stolen  
4 firearm must report the loss or theft to a certain law enforcement agency; applying  
5 certain penalties; and generally relating to reporting lost or stolen firearms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Public Safety

8 Section 5–146

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 5–146.

15 (a) A dealer or any other person who sells or transfers a regulated firearm shall  
16 notify the purchaser or recipient of the regulated firearm at the time of purchase or transfer  
17 that the purchaser or recipient is required to report a lost or stolen regulated firearm to the  
18 local law enforcement agency as required under subsection (b) of this section.

19 (b) If a regulated firearm is lost or stolen, the owner of the regulated firearm shall  
20 report the loss or theft to the local law enforcement agency within [72] 48 hours after the  
21 owner first discovers the loss or theft.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) On receipt of a report of a lost or stolen regulated firearm, a local law  
2 enforcement agency shall report to the Secretary and enter into the National Crime  
3 Information Center (NCIC) database, to the extent known, the caliber, make, model,  
4 manufacturer, and serial number of the regulated firearm and any other distinguishing  
5 number or identification mark on the regulated firearm.

6 (d) (1) A knowing and willful first-time violation of this section is a civil  
7 offense punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.

8 (2) A person who knowingly and willfully violates this section for a second  
9 or subsequent time is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment  
10 not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

11 (e) The imposition of a civil or criminal penalty under this section does not  
12 preclude the pursuit of any other civil remedy or criminal prosecution authorized by law.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2020.