
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WARREN, CIRESI, SANCHEZ, BENHAM, SCHLOSSBERG,
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DEASY, STURLA, FREEMAN, KINKEAD, OTTEN, O'MARA AND MALAGARI,
MARCH 27, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 27, 2023

AN ACT

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

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

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

9 § 6115.1. Civil liability of firearm owner for loss or theft.

10 (a) Duty to report.--An owner or other person lawfully in
11 possession of a firearm who suffers the loss or theft of a
12 firearm shall, within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss or
13 theft, report the loss or theft, including the facts and
14 circumstances of the loss or theft, to the municipal police of
15 the jurisdiction in which the loss or theft is believed to have
16 occurred or to the Pennsylvania State Police.

17 (b) Penalty.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
18 person who fails to report the loss or theft of a firearm under

1 subsection (a) and the failure to report is a proximate cause of
2 the commission of a crime in which the firearm is later used may
3 be held civilly liable for any damages resulting from that
4 crime.

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