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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires owner to immediately report loss or theft of firearm to police.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the loss or theft of a firearm and supplementing  
2 chapter 58 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The legal owner of a firearm, immediately upon discovering  
8 that the firearm is lost or stolen, shall report the loss or theft to the  
9 chief law enforcement officer of the municipality in which the loss  
10 or theft occurred or, if the municipality does not have a local police  
11 force, the Superintendent of State Police.

12 If the lost or stolen firearm is used in the commission of a crime,  
13 the legal owner of the lost or stolen firearm shall not be civilly  
14 liable for any damages resulting from that crime if the legal owner  
15 complied with the reporting requirements of this section.

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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22 This bill requires the legal owner of a firearm to report the loss  
23 or theft of that firearm to the chief law enforcement officer of the  
24 municipality in which the theft occurred or, if the municipality does  
25 not have a local police force, the Superintendent of State Police.  
26 The report must be made immediately upon discovering that loss or  
27 theft.

28 The bill specifies that the legal owner of a lost or stolen firearm  
29 will not be civilly liable for any damages resulting from a crime in  
30 which the lost or stolen firearm was used if the legal owner  
31 complied with the bill's reporting requirement.