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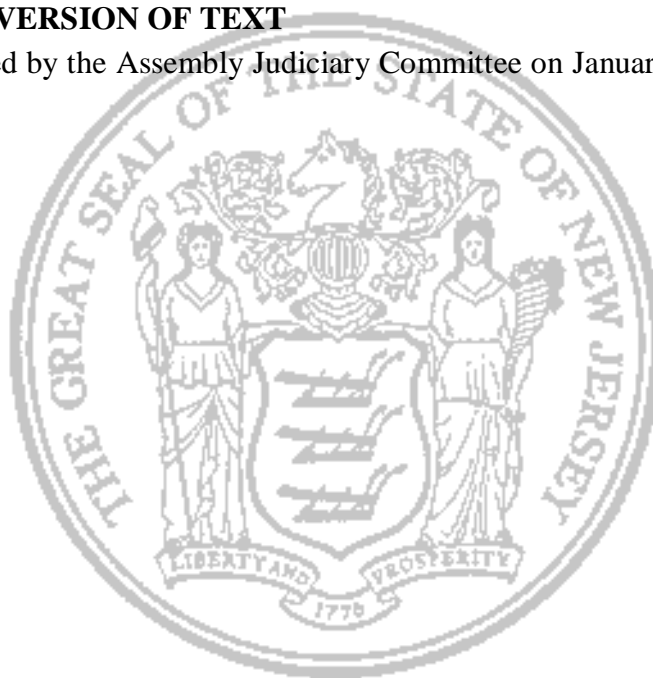
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SYNOPSIS

Requires owner to report loss or theft of firearm to police within 36 hours.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on January 3, 2008, with amendments.



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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]'**¹ upon
8 discovering that the firearm is lost or stolen, shall report the loss or
9 theft **'within 36 hours'**¹ to the chief law enforcement officer of the
10 municipality in which the loss or theft occurred or, if the
11 municipality does not have a local police force, **'to'**¹ the
12 Superintendent of State Police.

13 **'[If the lost or stolen firearm is used in the commission of a**
14 **crime, the legal owner of the lost or stolen firearm shall not be**
15 **civilly liable for any damages resulting from that crime if the legal**
16 **owner complied with the reporting requirements of this section].** A
17 person who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable to a
18 civil penalty of not less than \$500 for a first offense, and not less
19 than \$1,000 for any second or subsequent offense. The civil penalty
20 shall be collected pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
21 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.)¹.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted January 3, 2008.