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Proposed Bill No. 5143

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
REP. DENNING, 42nd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR PHYSICAL HARM CAUSED BY FIREARMS AND REQUIRING LIABILITY INSURANCE PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF A FIREARM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 29 of the general statutes be amended to (1) provide that
- 2 any person owning a firearm be civilly liable for any physical harm
- 3 caused to an individual by such firearm when such firearm is used in
- 4 the commission of a crime or in an accident, including any incident or
- 5 accident occurring after such person's firearm has been stolen from such
- 6 person, and (2) require that any person who is seeking to purchase a
- 7 firearm acquire an insurance policy covering such liability and present
- 8 proof of such policy to a firearm dealer prior to the purchase of a
- 9 firearm.

Statement of Purpose:

To require people who own firearms to take responsibility for any accident or crime that is committed with such firearm and to encourage secure storage of firearms to avoid accidents or crimes committed by firearms.