
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2599 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY TAI, KINSEY, BRIGGS, SCHLOSSBERG, MURT, HILL-
EVANS, SOLOMON, J. McNEILL, NEILSON, KRUEGER-BRANEKY,
YOUNGBLOOD, FRANKEL, STURLA, DALEY, GALLOWAY, DONATUCCI, SIMS
AND COMMITTA, AUGUST 15, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 15, 2018

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) that is later used in the commission of a crime
2 shall be held civilly liable for any damages resulting from that
3 crime.

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