
HOUSE BILL 1203

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By Representatives Doglio, Peterson, Santos, and Stonier

1 AN ACT Relating to reporting lost or stolen firearms; adding a
2 new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) An owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm
7 who suffers the loss or theft of the firearm shall report the facts
8 and circumstances of the loss or theft to the local law enforcement
9 agency where the loss or theft occurred within five days after the
10 person first discovered the loss or theft. The report must include,
11 to the extent known: The firearm's caliber, make, model,
12 manufacturer, and serial number; any other distinguishing number or
13 identification mark on the firearm; and the circumstances of the loss
14 or theft, including the date, place, and manner.

15 (2) A law enforcement agency that receives a report of a lost or
16 stolen firearm shall enter the following information, to the extent
17 known, into the national crime information center database:

18 (a) The firearm's caliber, make, model, manufacturer, and serial
19 number; and

20 (b) Any other distinguishing number or identification mark on the
21 firearm.

1 (3) A person who fails to report a lost or stolen firearm in
2 violation of this section is subject to the following penalties:
3 (a) For a first offense, the person commits a civil infraction
4 and is subject to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor
5 more than two hundred fifty dollars;
6 (b) For a second offense, the person commits a civil infraction
7 and is subject to a penalty of not less than two hundred fifty
8 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars; and
9 (c) For a third or subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a
10 gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

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