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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting lost or stolen firearms; amending
2 RCW 7.80.120; adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

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

7 (1) An owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm
8 who suffers the loss or theft of the firearm shall report the facts
9 and circumstances of the loss or theft to the local law enforcement
10 agency where the loss or theft occurred within 24 hours after the
11 person first discovered the loss or theft unless the delay is for
12 good cause shown. The report must include, to the extent known: The
13 firearm's caliber, make, model, manufacturer, and serial number; any
14 other distinguishing number or identification mark on the firearm;
15 and the circumstances of the loss or theft, including the date,
16 place, and manner.

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

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

1 (b) Any other distinguishing number or identification mark on the
2 firearm.

3 (3) A person who fails to report a lost or stolen firearm in
4 violation of this section commits a civil infraction and is subject
5 to a monetary penalty of up to \$1,000. If multiple firearms are lost
6 or stolen in a single event, the owner or person who was lawfully in
7 possession of the firearms at the time of loss or theft who fails to
8 report the event shall be subject to a single monetary penalty.

9 (4) The duly constituted licensing authority of any city, town,
10 or political subdivision of this state, upon issuing a firearm
11 dealer's license in accordance with RCW 9.41.110, shall issue the
12 dealer signage the dealer must post in a conspicuous place at each
13 point-of-sale that states in block letters not less than one inch in
14 height: "FAILURE TO KEEP FIREARMS IN SECURE GUN STORAGE, OR SECURED
15 WITH A TRIGGER LOCK OR SIMILAR DEVICE THAT IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE
16 UNAUTHORIZED USE OR DISCHARGE OF THE FIREARM MAY SUBJECT YOU TO
17 CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

18 FAILURE TO REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT OF A FIREARM MAY SUBJECT YOU
19 TO A CIVIL PENALTY UP TO \$1,000."

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 7.80.120 and 2023 c 102 s 13 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) A person found to have committed a civil infraction shall be
23 assessed a monetary penalty.

24 (a) The maximum penalty and the default amount for a class 1
25 civil infraction shall be \$250, not including statutory assessments,
26 except for an infraction of state law involving (i) potentially
27 dangerous litter as specified in RCW 70A.200.060(4), in which case
28 the maximum penalty and default amount is \$500; or (ii) a person's
29 refusal to submit to a test or tests pursuant to RCW 79A.60.040 and
30 79A.60.700, in which case the maximum penalty and default amount is
31 \$1,000; or (iii) the misrepresentation of service animals under RCW
32 49.60.214, in which case the maximum penalty and default amount is
33 \$500; or (iv) untraceable firearms pursuant to RCW 9.41.326 or
34 unfinished frames or receivers pursuant to RCW 9.41.327, in which
35 case the maximum penalty and default amount is \$500; or (v) the
36 failure to report the loss or theft of a firearm under section 1 of
37 this act, in which case the maximum penalty and default amount is
38 \$1,000;

1 (b) The maximum penalty and the default amount for a class 2
2 civil infraction shall be \$125, not including statutory assessments;

3 (c) The maximum penalty and the default amount for a class 3
4 civil infraction shall be \$50, not including statutory assessments;
5 and

6 (d) The maximum penalty and the default amount for a class 4
7 civil infraction shall be \$25, not including statutory assessments.

8 (2) The supreme court shall prescribe by rule the conditions
9 under which local courts may exercise discretion in assessing fines
10 for civil infractions.

11 (3) Whenever a monetary penalty is imposed by a court under this
12 chapter it is immediately payable. If the person is unable to pay at
13 that time the court may grant an extension of the period in which the
14 penalty may be paid. If the penalty is not paid on or before the time
15 established for payment, the court may proceed to collect the penalty
16 in the same manner as other civil judgments and may notify the
17 prosecuting authority of the failure to pay.

18 (4) The court may also order a person found to have committed a
19 civil infraction to make restitution.

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