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IN OPPOSITION to Raised Bill No. 5818 AN ACT CONCERNING LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS.

by Robert T. Crook, Director

On behalf of our members we express our strong opposition to this bill as we have done on similar proposals in the past.

In fact, new sections of this bill are more onerous and detrimental to responsible gunowners than found in the previous proposals.

This bill is not about public safety. Were it, serious efforts would have been made to address and document the question from the proponents of the bill: "Where Do They (Criminals) Get the Guns?" and develop strategies to correct "Most gun crimes are committed by people who cannot legally own a gun."

We see no data, consideration of proven techniques or innovation, or even a reference to serious investigation to substantiate this proposal. The bill is a simply an emotional "do something" effort which does nothing to affect criminal behavior, yet affects responsible gunowners by placing them in serious legal jeopardy.

There are other methods and solutions to control criminal acquisition of firearms. This committee is aware of those options but has in the past refused consideration.

This bill is an anathema to responsible gunowners.

Thank you.