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Committee Bill No. 903

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Whenever a person
2 who possesses a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general
3 statutes, does not have actual physical possession of such firearm, such
4 person shall store or keep such firearm in such a manner as to ensure
5 that there is not a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such firearm
6 will be stolen or otherwise come into the possession of another person
7 without authorization. Such risk must be of such nature and degree
8 that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the
9 standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the
10 situation.

11 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section and such
12 firearm is seized or recovered by a law enforcement agency while not
13 in the possession of such person shall commit an infraction for a first
14 offense, be guilty of a class C misdemeanor for a second offense and be
15 guilty of a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Any person who

17 possesses a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes,
18 that is stolen from such person or that such person loses shall report
19 such theft or loss to the organized local police department for the town
20 in which the theft or loss occurred or, if such town does not have an
21 organized local police department, to the state police troop having
22 jurisdiction for such town, not later than seventy-two hours after such
23 person knew or should have known of such theft or loss. Such
24 department or troop shall forthwith forward a copy of such report to
25 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

26 (b) Any person who fails to make a report required by subsection (a)
27 of this section within the prescribed time period shall commit an
28 infraction for a first offense, be guilty of a class C misdemeanor for a
29 second offense and be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for any
30 subsequent offense, except that, if such person intentionally fails to
31 make such report within the prescribed time period, such person shall
32 be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class D
33 felony for any subsequent offense.

34 Sec. 3. Section 53-202g of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
35 *October 1, 2007*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the number of illegally obtained guns used in the commission of crimes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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