
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5305

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR A FIREARMS DEALER WHO FAILS TO INSTALL A BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM ON THE PREMISES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) commissioner, after notice and a hearing, to impose a civil penalty of up to \$100 for violations of the alarm system requirement for firearms dealers (see BACKGROUND). Under the bill, each violation is a separate offense and, in cases of continuing violations, each day is a separate offense subject to an aggregate penalty of up to \$4,900.

The bill also authorizes the commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the alarm requirement and penalty provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

BACKGROUND

Alarm System Requirement for Firearms Dealers

By law, each retail business that sells firearms as a regular course of trade must have an alarm system on the premises if 10 or more firearms are stored or kept for sale. The alarm system must (1) be directly connected to the local police department or monitored by a central station and (2) activate upon unauthorized entry or system interruption. This requirement does not apply to people who (1) sell or exchange firearms to enhance their personal collection or as a hobby, (2) sell all or part of a personal collection, or (3) sell firearms from their residence and keep 10 or fewer for sale (CGS § 29-37d(a)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/15/2022)