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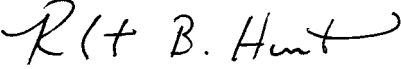
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H.P. 647

House of Representatives, March 7, 2023

An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §455-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§455-B. Reporting of stolen firearms**

4 **1. Requirement.** The owner of a firearm shall report the loss or theft of the firearm
5 to a local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the loss or theft occurred
6 within 72 hours of the time the owner knew or reasonably should have known that the
7 firearm had been lost or stolen. This subsection does not apply for the loss or theft of an
8 antique firearm, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a)(16) as in effect on
9 June 25, 2022.

10 **2. Civil penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

11 A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of
12 not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

13 B. A person who violates subsection 1 after having been adjudicated as having
14 committed 2 or more civil violations or for engaging in substantially similar conduct
15 to that contained in this subsection in another jurisdiction within the previous 10-year
16 period commits a Class E crime.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the owner of a firearm, except an antique firearm, to report the loss
19 or theft of the firearm to a local law enforcement agency.