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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 601

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring lost and stolen firearms to be reported promptly
1.3 to law enforcement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 624.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 624.7139 LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Duty to report. A person who owns, possesses, or controls a firearm
1.8 shall report the loss or theft of the firearm to a law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction
1.9 in which the loss or theft occurred as soon as practicable but not later than within 48 hours
1.10 of the time the person knew or reasonably should have known of the loss or theft.

1.11 Subd. 2. Penalty. (a) A person who violates this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

1.12 (b) A person who violates this section a second time is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.13 (c) A person who violates this section a third or subsequent time is guilty of a gross
1.14 misdemeanor.

1.15 Subd. 3. Immunity. A person who reports a lost or stolen firearm in compliance with
1.16 the requirements of subdivision 1 is immune from criminal prosecution for an offense
1.17 pursuant to state law related to the storage of firearms.

1.18 Subd. 4. Report to commissioner of public safety. A chief of police or sheriff shall
1.19 report a lost or stolen firearm to the commissioner of public safety within seven days of
1.20 receiving notification of the loss or theft under this section.

1.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to acts
1.22 committed on or after that date.