HOUSE BILL 2352

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) A person who owns a firearm shall report the loss or theft of the firearm to a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location where the firearm was lost or stolen, or where the person reasonably believes that the firearm was lost or stolen, within forty-eight (48) hours of the discovery of the loss or theft.
- (b) A person making a report of a lost or stolen firearm pursuant to subsection(a) must inform the law enforcement agency if the firearm is recovered by a person or entity other than the law enforcement agency to which the loss or theft was originally reported.
- (c) It is an exception to subsection (a) if the owner of the firearm is physically incapable of making the required report.

(d)

- (1) A first violation of this section is punishable only by a civil penalty, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (2) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Upon delivery of a firearm to a purchaser, a gun dealer shall inform the purchaser in writing of the requirements of Section 1.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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