

HB0304

After all safety measures of firearm storage are taken, those who steal firearms are a menace to society and should receive a penalty worthy of the crime that they have committed. Thank you for acknowledging that a firearm is a firearm, regardless of its value. Unlike law-abiding citizens who invest time, effort, energy and money in not merely being armed to protect themselves, but being properly trained and licensed, criminals have no good intentions with the stolen firearms that they steal from others. Current law minimizes the penalty for the theft of a gun valued at \$1400 or less. There are many firearms on the market, brand new and popular brands, that sell for **far less** the \$1400. This bill acknowledges the fact that a criminal stolen \$200 gun may commit as much mayhem as a criminal with a stolen \$2500 gun.

I ask that this bill receives a favorable review.