
By: **Senators Jones and Grosfeld**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regulated Firearms - Reporting of Lost or Stolen Regulated Firearms -**
3 **Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons who sell or transfer regulated firearms
5 to notify certain purchasers or recipients at the time of purchase or transfer that
6 the purchaser or recipient is required to report a lost or stolen regulated firearm
7 to the Secretary of State Police; requiring the owner of a regulated firearm to
8 report the loss or theft of the regulated firearm to the Secretary within a certain
9 period of time after the owner discovers the loss or theft; establishing certain
10 penalties; and generally relating to the loss or theft of regulated firearms.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Public Safety
13 Section 5-144
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
16 2003)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Public Safety**

20 5-144.

21 (A) A DEALER OR OTHER PERSON WHO SELLS OR TRANSFERS A REGULATED
22 FIREARM SHALL NOTIFY A PURCHASER OR RECIPIENT OF A REGULATED FIREARM AT
23 THE TIME OF PURCHASE OR TRANSFER THAT THE PURCHASER OR RECIPIENT IS
24 REQUIRED TO REPORT A LOST OR STOLEN REGULATED FIREARM TO THE SECRETARY
25 AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (B) IF A REGULATED FIREARM IS LOST OR STOLEN, THE OWNER OF THE
27 REGULATED FIREARM SHALL REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO THE SECRETARY
28 WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE OWNER FIRST DISCOVERS THE LOSS OR THEFT.

1 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
2 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A
3 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 2003.