



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2965

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Tracy Katz Muhl

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/24-4.1

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that, if a firearm that has been lost or stolen is found by a law enforcement officer, whether or not the firearm has been reported by its previous possessor as lost or stolen to the local law enforcement agency within the time period required by this provision, the law enforcement agency, upon the identification of the previous possessor of the firearm, shall issue a citation for which a penalty shall be set at \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for a second offense. Provides that, if the offender fails to pay the fine, the offender forfeits the lost or stolen firearm and the offender's Firearm Owner's Identification Card and concealed carry license, if any have been issued to the offender, are revoked. Provides that after 3 lost or stolen firearms, the court shall revoke the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card and concealed carry license if issued to the person. Provides that any person whose Firearm Owner's Identification Card or concealed carry license is revoked as a result of this provision shall surrender all the person's firearms, the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card, and the person's concealed carry license to the local law enforcement agency. Allows mitigating circumstances to be considered when imposing penalties.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by
5 changing Section 24-4.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-4.1)

7 Sec. 24-4.1. Report of lost or stolen firearms.

8 (a) If a person who possesses a valid Firearm Owner's
9 Identification Card and who possesses or acquires a firearm
10 thereafter loses the firearm, or if the firearm is stolen from
11 the person, the person must report the loss or theft to the
12 local law enforcement agency within 72 hours after obtaining
13 knowledge of the loss or theft.

14 (b) A law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall
15 take a written report and shall, as soon as practical, enter
16 the firearm's serial number as stolen into the Law Enforcement
17 Agencies Data System (LEADS).

18 (c) A person shall not be in violation of this Section if:

19 (1) the failure to report is due to an act of God, act
20 of war, or inability of a law enforcement agency to
21 receive the report;

22 (2) the person is hospitalized, in a coma, or is
23 otherwise seriously physically or mentally impaired as to

1 prevent the person from reporting; or

2 (3) the person's designee makes a report if the person
3 is unable to make the report.

4 (c-1) If a firearm that has been lost or stolen is taken
5 into possession by a law enforcement officer, whether or not
6 the firearm has been reported by its previous possessor as
7 lost or stolen to the local law enforcement agency within the
8 time period required by subsection (a), the law enforcement
9 agency, upon the identification of the previous possessor of
10 the firearm, shall issue a citation for which a penalty shall
11 be set at \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for a second
12 offense. If the offender fails to pay the fine, the offender
13 forfeits the lost or stolen firearm and the offender's Firearm
14 Owner's Identification Card and concealed carry license, if
15 any have been issued to the offender, are revoked. After 3 lost
16 or stolen firearms, the court shall revoke the person's
17 Firearm Owner's Identification Card and concealed carry
18 license if issued to the person. Any person whose Firearm
19 Owner's Identification Card or concealed carry license is
20 revoked as a result of this subsection (c-1) shall surrender
21 all the person's firearms, Firearm Owner's Identification
22 Card, and concealed carry license to the local law enforcement
23 agency. Mitigating circumstances, including, but not limited
24 to, a timely filed report of a lost or stolen firearm, may be
25 considered in reducing the penalty.

26 (d) Sentence. A person who violates this Section is guilty

1 of a petty offense for a first violation. A second or
2 subsequent violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.
3 (Source: P.A. 98-508, eff. 8-19-13.)