THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1622 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY WARREN, RABB, VENKAT, PIELLI, SANCHEZ, VITALI, KHAN, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, SCHLOSSBERG, KINKEAD, BRENNAN, HOHENSTEIN, FIEDLER, CIRESI, SHUSTERMAN, BOROWSKI, O'MARA, FRANKEL, OTTEN, CERRATO AND MALAGARI, JUNE 17, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 17, 2025

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
- articles, providing for civil liability of firearm owner for
- 4 loss or theft.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 9 § 6115.1. Civil liability of firearm owner for loss or theft.
- 10 (a) Duty to report. -- An owner or other person lawfully in
- 11 possession of a firearm who suffers the loss or theft of a
- 12 firearm shall, within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss or
- 13 theft, report the loss or theft, including the facts and
- 14 circumstances of the loss or theft, to the municipal police of
- 15 the jurisdiction in which the loss or theft is believed to have
- 16 occurred or to the Pennsylvania State Police.
- 17 (b) Penalty.--A person who fails to report the loss or theft
- 18 of a firearm under subsection (a) may be held civilly liable for

- 1 any damages resulting from that crime if the failure to report
- 2 <u>is a proximate cause of the commission of a crime in which the</u>
- 3 <u>firearm is later used.</u>
- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.