

**HF601 - 1E - Lost or Stolen Firearms Reported Promptly**

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 Committee: **Ways And Means**  
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 Lead Agency: **Public Safety Dept**  
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     Corrections Dept                      Public Defense Board  
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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

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State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
<b>Public Safety Dept</b>						
<b>General Fund</b>		-	-	36	-	-
<b>State Total</b>						
<b>General Fund</b>		-	-	36	-	-
		<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>		
		<b>Biennial Total</b>		<b>36</b>		

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
<b>Public Safety Dept</b>					
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-

**Lead LBO Analyst's Comment**

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Dollars in Thousands		<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>
<b>Public Safety Dept</b>						
General Fund		-	-	36	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	<b>36</b>	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>36</b>		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
Public Safety Dept						
General Fund						
Expenditures		-	-	36	9	9
Absorbed Costs		-	-	-	(9)	(9)
<b>Total</b>		-	-	<b>36</b>	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>36</b>		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
Public Safety Dept						
General Fund						
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				-		-

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Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

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	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
General Fund	-	-	36	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>36</b>	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>36</b>			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
General Fund	-	-	36	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>36</b>	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>36</b>		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>					
General Fund					
Expenditures	-	-	36	9	9
Absorbed Costs	-	-	-	(9)	(9)
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>36</b>	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>36</b>		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>					
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-

**Bill Description**

Establishes a duty to report a lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement within 48 hours of learning the firearm is lost or stolen. Sets a first violation as a petty misdemeanor with increasing penalties for repeat violators. Grants immunity from criminal firearm storage charges for those who comply with the reporting requirement. Requires chief law enforcement officers to inform the commissioner of public safety of all lost and stolen firearms reported pursuant to this section.

**Assumptions**

Assume MN.IT will build an application for Chief Law Enforcement Officers to report lost or stolen firearms to the Commissioner of Public Safety using a platform similar to the current Use of Force reporting system at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Costs to build the application include application development and testing, hosting, annual license fee, and annual maintenance and support. Assume \$35,700 will be appropriated from the general fund in FY25 with an ongoing costs absorbed as normal operations.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

	FY25	FY26	FY27
Application development/testing	\$30,000		
Hosting	\$4,500	\$1,200	\$1,260
License	\$1,200	\$1,260	\$1,323
Annual Maintenance/Support		\$6,500	\$6,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,700</b>	<b>\$8,960</b>	<b>\$9,408</b>

General fund expenditures FY25 and beyond. BCA will absorb the ongoing costs starting in FY26 and beyond.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

**Local Fiscal Impact**

Local law enforcement is required to take reports of lost or stolen firearms and are then required to report that information to the Commissioner of Public Safety and may have potential costs.

**References/Sources**

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 Agency: **Corrections Dept**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

**Bill Description**

H.F. 601-1E makes it a petty misdemeanor not to report a lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement.

**Assumptions**

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission (MSGC) assumes that most gun owners will comply with the new law resulting in a small number of petty misdemeanors annually.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

N/A

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

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 Agency: **Public Defense Board**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-

**Bill Description**

The bill would require that anyone who owns, possesses, or controls a firearm must report the loss or theft of the firearm to law enforcement within 48 hours of the time the person knew or reasonably should have known of the loss or theft. A first time violation is a petty misdemeanor, a second violation is a misdemeanor, and a third violation is a gross misdemeanor.

A person reporting the loss or theft is immune from prosecution for an offense related to firearms storage.

The chief of police or local sheriff is required to report a lost or stolen firearm to the commissioner of public safety within seven days of receiving notice of the loss or theft.

**Assumptions**

There would be no significant impact on caseloads or workloads as a result of this bill.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

**Local Fiscal Impact**

**References/Sources**

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Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

**Bill Description**

This bill enacts Minn. Stat. § 624.7139, Lost or Stolen Firearms, making it a petty misdemeanor not to report a lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement. A second violation is a misdemeanor; a third or subsequent violation is a gross misdemeanor.

This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

**Assumptions**

It is assumed that most gun owners will comply with the new law, resulting in a small number of petty misdemeanors annually. The number of misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors, for repeat offenses, is assumed to be even smaller. By analogy, another Chapter 624 offense, Pistol Without a Permit, similarly carries enhanced penalties for repeat offenses. According to Minn. Judicial Branch data, from 2019 through 2023, a total of 1,113 people were convicted for this offense at either a gross misdemeanor (first time) or felony (repeat offense) level. Of those, 3.7 percent (41 people) had been convicted for a repeat offense (at a felony level). It is plausible that a similarly small percentage of those who will provably fail to report a lost or stolen firearm will do so repeatedly, in which case the number of new misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors per year may be assumed to be negligible.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Based on the above assumptions, the long-term fiscal impact will be negligible.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

Based on the above assumptions, the local government fiscal impact will be negligible.

**References/Sources**

Minn. Judicial Branch, 2018-2023, retrieved 2/5/2024 at <https://mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Court-Statistics/District-Court-Criminal-Charges-Data.aspx>.

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
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<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

**Bill Description**

The bill creates a new statute (624.7139) requiring persons who own, possess, or control firearms to report loss or theft of a firearm to law enforcement. The bill sets timing requirements for reporting and establishes penalties for noncompliance. A first violation is considered a petty misdemeanor, and subsequent violations can be enhanced to a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offense. The bill provides immunity from prosecution for an offense related to improper storage of firearms if the person complies with the reporting requirements of this statute. The bill also requires law enforcement agencies to report lost or stolen firearms to the commissioner of public safety.

**Assumptions**

It is assumed that creation of a new statute (624.7139) that criminalizes certain conduct pertaining to the failure to report loss/theft of a firearm will result in increased criminal case filings. It is presumed that the additional filings will be comparable to the current number of case filings for offenses under Minn. Stat. § 609.666 (Negligent Storage of Firearms).

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

Based on five years of judicial branch data (2019 - 2023), there was a total of 194 charges filed statewide under Minn. Stat. § 609.666. If each charge constituted a separate criminal case, that is an average of 39 cases filed statewide per year. Even if the number of cases filed under the new statutory provision (624.7139) is double that of the current filings under Minn. Stat. § 609.666, the increase in the number of cases filed statewide would be an average of 78 cases per year, which is less than 1 case per county per year.

This bill is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact on the judicial branch.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

**Local Fiscal Impact**

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