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Overview

This bill: imposes criminal penalties on those who falsely report the loss or theft of a firearm; expands the crime of transferring firearms to ineligible parties; and expands the list of offenses that result in a lifetime firearms ban.

Section

- 1** **Lifetime ban on possession of firearms.** Bars an offender who is convicted of either the crime of falsely reporting a lost or stolen firearm or the crime of transferring a firearm to an ineligible person from possessing firearms for the remainder of the offender's life.
- 2** **Lost or stolen firearms; false reporting.** Establishes the offense of falsely reporting the loss or theft of a firearm as a gross misdemeanor. Establishes a felony level offense for a subsequent violation or if the offender knows that the firearm that is falsely reported as missing will be used in a felony crime of violence.
- 3** **Ineligible persons.** Bars an offender who is convicted of either the crime of falsely reporting a lost or stolen firearm or the crime of transferring a firearm to an ineligible person from possessing firearms for the remainder of the offender's life.
- 4** **Transfer prohibited.** Expands the gross misdemeanor offense of transferring a firearm to an ineligible person by making the offense apply where the person transferring the weapon "has reason to believe" that the transferee is ineligible to possess firearms.
- 5** **Felony.** Expands the circumstances that warrant a felony conviction for transferring a firearm to an ineligible person to cases where the "transferor knows, or has reason to believe, the transferee intends to use the weapon in the furtherance of a felony crime of violence."

Section

6 **Subsequent eligibility.** Conforming changes needed to reflect amendments proposed in section 5.