

# SAFE FIREARM STORAGE ACT

Senate Bill 3527, Sen. Laura Ellman  
House Bill 5065, Rep. Maura Hirschauer



## PROBLEM

Today, there are more guns in our country than people. Shockingly, every one in three children lives in a home with a gun. With this level of gun ownership in our society comes a responsibility to ensure that guns are safe in our homes to prevent violence and tragedy.

In homes across the country, **54% of gun owners** don't lock all their guns securely. When a weapon isn't safely stored at home, the risk of unintended and deadly consequences increases:

- Every year, **350 children** under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or others.
- In roughly **three-quarters of school shootings**, the shooter acquired the firearm from their parents or other relatives, according to the U.S. Secret Service.
- Safer firearm storage reduces the risk of suicide by firearm.



Size per million count (1,000,000)

## SOLUTION

The Safe Firearm Storage Act will keep our children and at-risk people from accessing deadly weapons:

- Prohibits storing or leaving a firearm outside an owner's immediate possession or control unless it is unloaded and secured in a lock box or container that makes it inaccessible to anyone but the owner or another legally authorized user in a home where a minor, at-risk person, or someone prohibited from using firearms could gain access to them.
- Increases the age of a minor from 13 to 18 years old or younger.
- Adds "At-risk person" as someone who has made statements or exhibited behavior to a reasonable person there is a likelihood the person is at risk of attempting suicide or causing physical harm to oneself or others.
- Adds "Prohibited person" as a person ineligible to possess a firearm.
- Adds civil penalties associated with the failure to safely secure firearms:
  - Penalties from \$500 to \$1,000, if a person knowingly prohibited from accessing a gun obtains a weapon.
  - Penalty of \$10,000 if a minor, at-risk person, or someone prohibited from having a firearm obtains one and injures or causes the death of another in a crime.
  - At first violation, court may impose community service or restitution.
  - Fines received will benefit the Mental Health fund.

# LOST & STOLEN FIREARMS REPORTING BILL

Senate Bill 3737, Sen. Ram Villivalam  
House Bill 5595, Rep. Kevin Olickal



## PROBLEM

Every year, over **380,000 firearms** across the country are stolen from their lawful owners. Too often, these weapons are trafficked in a secondary gun market and into the hands of people who cannot purchase weapons legally, fueling gun crimes and violence in our communities.

- Guns reported lost were 3 times more likely to be used in crimes, while stolen guns were 9 times more likely to be used in crimes, according to a UC Davis study.
- In Illinois, **279 lost or stolen firearms** were used in homicides in 2022.
- **95% of Chicago Police Department cases** show the possessor of the firearm used in a crime was not the original, lawful purchaser of the firearm



## SOLUTION

The Lost and Stolen Firearms Reporting Bill will strengthen reporting requirements when weapons are lost and stolen to crackdown on guns being trafficked to criminals and violent offenders:

- Shortens time requirement for reporting a lost or stolen firearm **from 72 to 48 hours** after the owner first discovers the loss or theft.
- Requires dealers to inform firearm purchasers of the obligation to report a lost or stolen firearm at the time of purchase in both English and Spanish.
- Requires Illinois State Police to inform FOID and CCL new and renewal applicants of the obligation to report a lost or stolen firearm in both English and Spanish.
- Requires ISP to create a portal in both English and Spanish that lists the serial numbers of firearms that have been reported lost or stolen.
- Strengthens and clarifies current law that individuals reasonably should have known that a firearm was stolen if the serial number has been removed or altered or was reported as stolen on the ISP's website.
- Amends the definition of "arms trafficking" to include transporting a stolen firearm in a vehicle on any expressway in the state.
- Imposes penalty of revocation of FOID card on second violation.

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