

SAFE FIREARM STORAGE ACT

Senate Bill 3971, Sen. Laura Ellman
House Bill 5891, 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 3973, Sen. Ram Villivalam
House Bill 5888, 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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