

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section*
3 *numbered 18.2-287.5, relating to reporting lost or stolen firearms; civil penalty.*

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5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a**
8 **section numbered 18.2-287.5 as follows:**

9 **§ 18.2-287.5. Reporting lost or stolen firearms; civil penalty.**

10 *A. If a firearm is lost or stolen from a person who lawfully possessed it, then such person shall*
11 *report the loss or theft to any local law-enforcement agency or the Department of State Police within 48*
12 *hours after such person discovers the loss or theft or is informed by a person with personal knowledge*
13 *of the loss or theft. The law-enforcement agency shall enter such report information into the National*
14 *Crime Information Center maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The provisions of this*
15 *subsection shall not apply to the loss or theft of an antique firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2.*

16 *B. A violation of this section is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$250. The attorney for*
17 *the county, city, or town in which an alleged violation of this section has occurred is authorized to*
18 *enforce the provisions of this section and may bring an action to recover the civil penalty, which shall*
19 *be paid into the local treasury.*

20 *C. No person who, in good faith, reports a lost or stolen firearm shall be held criminally or civilly*
21 *liable for any damages from acts or omissions resulting from the loss or theft. This subsection shall not*
22 *apply to any person who makes a report in violation of § 18.2-461.*

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