

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1644

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| House of Origin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> | Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> | Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> | In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> | Enrolled |

2. Patron: Bourne

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Reporting lost or stolen firearm.

5. Summary: This proposal would require anyone who lawfully owns a firearm to report the loss or theft of the firearm to any local law enforcement agency or the Department of State Police within 24 hours of becoming aware of the loss or theft. The law enforcement agency that receives the report is required to enter the information into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Violations are punishable by a civil penalty of \$50 for a first offense and, for any subsequent offense, of not less than \$100 or more than \$250, which is to be paid into the state treasury. The bill provides that a person who, in good faith, reports the loss or theft is immune from criminal or civil liability for acts or omissions that result from the loss or theft; the immunity does not apply to a person who knowingly gives a false report. The bill does not apply to the loss or theft of antique firearms.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of State Police (VSP), the proposed legislation is not expected to have an operational impact on the agency's operations, and therefore does not have a state expenditure impact. The impact on local law enforcement agencies cannot be determined at this time.

The proposal establishes a civil penalty, which is to be deposited in the state treasury; however, the revenue that may be generated as a result of this bill is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police; Local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.