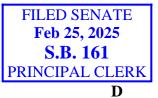
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



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SENATE BILL DRS45078-MLa-88

Short Title:	The Jenesis Firearm Accountability Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Applewhite, Bradley, and Theodros (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED						
2	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM; TO						
3	PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PREVENT						
4			SSING FIREARMS; AND TO REQUIRE				
5	THE	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN				
6	EDU	ATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO MAKE	E THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE				
7	REQU	IREMENT TO REPORT A LOST OR ST	OLEN FIREARM.				
8	The Gene	al Assembly of North Carolina enacts:					
9		SECTION 1. This act shall be known as	"The Jenesis Firearm Accountability Act."				
10		SECTION 2. The purpose of this act is t	to do all of the following:				
11		(1) Enhance public safety by aiding	law enforcement in tracking lost or stolen				
12		firearms.					
13		(2) Deter gun crimes by ensuring time	ely reporting of lost or stolen firearms.				
14		(3) Protect law-abiding gun owners b	by preventing illegal firearm trafficking and				
15		reducing criminal misuse.					
16		SECTION 3. Article 53A of Chapter	14 of the General Statutes is amended by				
17	U	ew section to read:					
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19	<u>(a)</u>	Definitions The following definitions a					
20		(1) Firearm. – As defined in G.S. 14-					
21		· · · · ·	nunicipal, county, or State law enforcement				
22		agency with jurisdiction.					
23			n that has been misplaced, taken without the				
24		owner's consent, or is otherwise u					
25	<u>(b)</u>		esses, or otherwise controls a firearm that is				
26			w enforcement agency within 48 hours of				
27	discovering the firearm is lost or stolen. The report required under this subsection shall include						
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29		(1) The make, model, caliber, and ser					
30		(2) The date and location where the f					
31		•• ••	nber of rounds of ammunition stolen, if				
32		applicable.					
33			red by the law enforcement agency.				
34	<u>(c)</u>		wided in subsection (d) of this section, a				
35	violation	f this section is an infraction that shall be	-				
36		(1) For a first offense, a person shall	only receive a written warning.				



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	<u>(2)</u> For	r a second offense, a person shall be fined a	n amount up to five hundred			
	<u>dol</u>	<u>llars (\$500.00).</u>				
	<u>(3)</u> <u>For</u>	r a third or subsequent offense, a person shall	be fined an amount up to one			
	tho	ousand dollars (\$1,000).				
<u>(d)</u>	Additional	l Punishment. – In addition to the punishmen	t set forth in subsection (c) of			
this section	n, a person	who fails to report a lost or stolen firearm in	accordance with this section			
and the fi	earm is use	d in the commission of a criminal offense ma	ay be liable for civil damages			
to any pe	son injured	as a result of the offense. If the firearm is	used in the commission of a			
violent fe	ony or misd	lemeanor, as defined in G.S. 15A-145.6, the p	erson who failed to report the			
lost or sto	len firearm	in accordance with this section shall be guilt	y of the same level of offense			
		ich the firearm was used unless the person				
		b have complied with the requirements of this	•			
(e)		. – Notwithstanding any provision of law to				
reports a		en firearm in accordance with this section sh				
		any criminal offenses committed with the fire				
(f)		on. – Nothing in this section shall be construe				
a firearm		equire firearm owners to disclose ownership				
lost or sto						
		V 4. G.S. 105-164.13 reads as rewritten:				
"§ 105-16	4.13. Retai	il sales and use tax.				
-		and the use, storage, or consumption in this St	tate of the following items are			
		from the tax imposed by this Article:	C			
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	<u>(76)</u> Eq	uipment designed to prevent unauthorized ac	cess to firearms, including (i)			
		levice that, when installed on a firearm, is de				
		m being operated without first deactivating				
		n case, lockbox, or other device that is for hom				
	-	materials used, to prevent access to a firear				
		y, a combination, biometric data, or other si	• •			
	•	empted under this subdivision does not incl				
		her form of storage that is primarily designe				
		earms."				
		N 5. There is appropriated from the Genera	ll Fund to the Department of			
Public Sa		of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)	-			
2025-2026 fiscal year to be used to develop and implement an educational campaign to make the						
	public aware of the responsibility set forth in G.S. 14-409.13, as enacted by Section 3 of this act.					
		blic Safety shall consult with the North Caro	-			
public aw	rtment of Pu	the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police in developing and implementing the campaign				
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