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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

April 24, 2019

GOV. MSG. NO. 1124

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 24, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB720 HD1

RELATING TO FIREARMS.
ACT 023(19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's existing
2 laws do not adequately address the reporting of lost or stolen
3 firearms. As a matter of public safety, the State requires the
4 permitting of firearms owners and the registration of firearms
5 to ensure that firearms remain in the possession of individuals
6 who are properly vetted and meet the stringent requirements to
7 own or possess firearms. Law enforcement officers must have
8 knowledge and an accurate record of lost or stolen firearms to
9 protect the public.

10 Access to accurate information in the national and local
11 databases for lost or stolen firearm enhances police officer
12 safety in situations involving firearm ownership and possession
13 issues. The information allows police officers to timely
14 investigate and seize lost and stolen weapons quickly and
15 surely.



1 The purpose of this Act is to strengthen the system of
2 firearm reporting in the State by requiring firearm owners to
3 report lost, stolen, or destroyed firearms.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§134- Reporting lost, stolen, or destroyed firearms;
8 penalties. (a) Every person shall report the loss, theft, or
9 destruction of a firearm that the person owns or possesses
10 within twenty-four hours upon the discovery of such loss, theft,
11 or destruction to:

12 (1) The police department of the county within which the
13 person resides; and

14 (2) The police department of the county where the theft,
15 loss, or destruction occurred.

16 If a person is unable to comply with this subsection, the
17 person's designee shall make the report.

18 (b) The report of a lost, stolen, or destroyed firearm
19 pursuant to subsection (a) shall include:

20 (1) The caliber of the firearm;

21 (2) The make of the firearm;



- 1 (3) The model of the firearm;
- 2 (4) The manufacturer of the firearm;
- 3 (5) The serial number of the firearm;
- 4 (6) Any other distinguishing number or identification mark
5 on the firearm, if known by the person; and
- 6 (7) Any additional relevant information required by the
7 county police department taking the report.
- 8 (c) Upon receipt of a report of a lost, stolen, or
9 destroyed firearm pursuant to subsection (a), a county police
10 department shall enter the reported information into the
11 National Crime Information Center database.
- 12 (d) A person who intentionally or knowingly fails to
13 report the loss, theft, or destruction of any firearm pursuant
14 to this section shall:
- 15 (1) For the first offense, be guilty of a petty
16 misdemeanor;
- 17 (2) For the second and each subsequent offense, be guilty
18 of a misdemeanor; and
- 19 (3) For the third and each subsequent offense:
- 20 (A) Surrender all firearm registrations, ammunition,
21 and firearms to the police department for the



1 county within which the person resides within
2 seven days of receiving a notice of violation of
3 this section; and

4 (B) Be prohibited from registering, possessing, or
5 owning a firearm.

6 (e) If a person fails to surrender all firearm
7 registrations, ammunition, and firearms as required in
8 subsection (d), the chief of police of the county within which
9 the person resides or within which any of the person's firearm
10 registrations, ammunitions, or firearms are present shall seize
11 all firearm registrations, firearm ammunition, and firearms
12 registered to and in possession of the person.

13 (f) For the purposes of this section, an incident
14 involving multiple firearms arising in the same occurrence shall
15 constitute a single offense.

16 (g) No person shall report to any law enforcement agency
17 that a firearm has been lost, stolen, or destroyed knowing the
18 report to be false. If a person falsely reports a lost, stolen,
19 or destroyed firearm, the person shall be in violation of this
20 section and subject to the same penalties as provided in
21 subsection (d).



1 (h) A person shall not be in violation of this section if
2 the failure to report is the result of:

3 (1) An act of God or act of war;

4 (2) The inability of a law enforcement agency to receive
5 the report; or

6 (3) The person who is required to report being
7 hospitalized, unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise
8 seriously physically or mentally impaired as to
9 prevent the person from reporting."

10 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
12 begun before its effective date.

13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 24 day of APR, 2019



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 720, HD 1

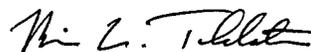
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 28, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: APR 05 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate