

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5389

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires firearm retailers to provide disclosure of customer's responsibility to report stolen or lost firearms; advises customers it is unlawful to purchase firearms with intent to sell to disqualified persons.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the sale of firearms and supplementing Title 2C  
2 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Upon the retail sale or transfer of any firearm, a  
8 wholesale dealer or wholesale dealer's employee and retail dealer or  
9 retail dealer's employee shall deliver a written disclosure, that the  
10 purchaser or transferee is required to sign and receive a copy of,  
11 with the following information printed in block letters not less than  
12 one-fourth of an inch in height:

13 "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, IF YOUR FIREARM  
14 IS LOST OR STOLEN, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT  
15 THIS WITHIN 36 HOURS TO THE CHIEF LAW  
16 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE  
17 THE LOSS OR THEFT OCCURRED OR IF THE  
18 MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT HAVE A LOCAL POLICE FORCE,  
19 YOU MUST REPORT THE LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM TO  
20 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE.

21 PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO PURCHASE  
22 A FIREARM WITH THE INTENT TO UNLAWFULLY SELL IT  
23 TO ANY OTHER PERSON."

24 A firearm wholesale or retail dealer shall collect and maintain a  
25 copy of each disclosure signed by a purchaser or transferee as  
26 provided in this subsection for a period of not less than 15 years.  
27 Any firearm wholesale or retail dealer who violates the provisions  
28 of this act shall be subject to the penalties pursuant to subsection c.  
29 of this section.

30 b. Every firearm wholesale and retail dealer shall  
31 conspicuously post at each purchase counter the following  
32 disclosure, printed in block letters not less than one inch in height:

33 "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, IF YOUR FIREARM  
34 IS LOST OR STOLEN, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT  
35 THIS WITHIN 36 HOURS TO THE CHIEF LAW  
36 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE  
37 THE LOSS OR THEFT OCCURRED OR IF THE  
38 MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT HAVE A LOCAL POLICE FORCE,  
39 YOU MUST REPORT THE LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM TO  
40 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE.

41 PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO PURCHASE  
42 A FIREARM WITH THE INTENT TO UNLAWFULLY SELL IT  
43 TO ANY OTHER PERSON."

44 c. Any firearm wholesale or retail dealer that violates the  
45 provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to  
46 \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for any subsequent  
47 offense. The civil penalty shall be collected pursuant to the  
48 "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10

1 et seq.), in a summary proceeding before the municipal court having  
2 jurisdiction. An official authorized by statute or ordinance to  
3 enforce the laws of this State, or a law enforcement officer having  
4 enforcement authority in that municipality, shall issue a summons  
5 for a violation of the provisions of this section, and shall serve and  
6 execute all processes with respect to the enforcement of this section  
7 consistent with the Rules of Court. A penalty recovered under the  
8 provisions of this subsection shall be recovered in the name of the  
9 State by the municipality. All penalties collected pursuant to this  
10 subsection shall be forwarded to the Office of Attorney General to  
11 be used for gun violence prevention efforts.

12 d. In accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”  
13 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Superintendent of State  
14 Police may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the  
15 provisions of this section.

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17 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month  
18 next following enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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23 This bill requires firearm wholesale or retail dealers to provide  
24 disclosure of a customer’s responsibility to report stolen or lost  
25 firearms and advise customers that it is unlawful to purchase a  
26 firearm with the intent to unlawfully sell it to any other person.

27 Under the provisions of this bill, all firearm wholesale and retail  
28 dealers are required to provide customers with a disclosure, upon  
29 the retail sale or transfer of any firearm, printed in block letters not  
30 less than one-fourth of an inch in height. This bill requires that the  
31 disclosure be signed by the purchaser or transferee. In addition, the  
32 firearm wholesale or retail dealer is required to provide the  
33 purchaser or transferee with a copy of this written disclosure.  
34 Under the provisions of this bill, a firearm wholesale and retail  
35 dealer is required to collect and maintain a copy of each disclosure  
36 that is signed by a purchaser or transferee for a period of not less  
37 than 15 years. Furthermore, firearm wholesale and retail dealers are  
38 required to conspicuously post the same disclosure at each purchase  
39 counter.

40 Specifically, the disclosure advises customers of their  
41 responsibility to report a lost or stolen firearm within 36 hours to  
42 the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality where the loss  
43 or theft occurred or to the Superintendent of State Police if the  
44 municipality does not have a local police force. In addition, the  
45 disclosure advises customers that it is illegal to purchase a firearm  
46 with the intent to unlawfully sell that firearm to someone who does  
47 not have the necessary firearm license or permit.

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1 Any firearm wholesale or retail dealer who violates the  
2 provisions of this bill will be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500  
3 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for any subsequent offense. The  
4 civil penalty will be collected pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement  
5 Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), in a summary  
6 proceeding before the municipal court having jurisdiction. Officials  
7 authorized by law or ordinance, or law enforcement officers, can  
8 issue summonses for violations. All penalties collected will be  
9 forwarded to the Office of Attorney General to be used for gun  
10 violence prevention efforts.