

House File 383 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishing a statewide database for stolen
2 firearms.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.45 Statewide database for stolen
2 firearms.

3 1. As used in this section, "*relevant information*" means
4 the make, model, and serial number of a firearm, and the name
5 and contact information of the law enforcement agency reporting
6 a stolen firearm.

7 2. The department shall create and maintain a statewide
8 database in order for the public to access relevant information
9 about a stolen firearm. The statewide database shall be
10 accessed by the public through an internet site maintained by
11 the department.

12 3. If a report about a stolen firearm has been filed with
13 a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency may
14 report the relevant information relating to the firearm to the
15 department for input into the statewide database.

16 4. The following shall be displayed on the internet site:

17 a. An internet search portal where a member of the public
18 may input the serial number of a firearm.

19 b. A statement that warns a person not to take individual
20 action based upon the information in the database and that the
21 information is not a confirmation or probable cause that the
22 firearm is stolen.

23 c. A statement that the site contains records from law
24 enforcement agencies that have been selected for public access
25 by the law enforcement agencies. Other records may exist that
26 have not been selected for public access.

27 d. A statement indicating that the site is not intended to
28 be a place to report a stolen firearm.

29 e. A statement that the relevant information may not be
30 current, active, or complete, and that the person conducting
31 the search should contact the person's local law enforcement
32 agency or the reporting law enforcement agency for more
33 information.

34 5. The department shall update the relevant information in
35 the statewide database on a regular basis.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 This bill relates to establishing a statewide database for
5 stolen firearms.

6 The bill requires the department of public safety to create
7 and maintain a statewide database in order for the public
8 to access relevant information about a stolen firearm. The
9 bill defines "relevant information" to mean the make, model,
10 and serial number of a firearm, and the name and contact
11 information for the law enforcement agency reporting the stolen
12 firearm. The bill specifies that the statewide database shall
13 be accessed by the public through an internet site maintained
14 by the department.

15 Under the bill, if a report about a stolen firearm has been
16 filed with a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency
17 may report the relevant information relating to the firearm to
18 the department of public safety for input into the statewide
19 database.

20 The bill requires the internet site to display the
21 following: an internet search portal where a member of the
22 public may input the serial number of a firearm; a statement
23 that warns a person not to take individual action based
24 upon the information in the database; a statement that other
25 information about the firearm may exist that has not been
26 selected for public access; a statement indicating the site
27 is not intended to be a place to report a stolen firearm; and
28 a statement that the relevant information may not be current
29 or complete and that the person should contact local law
30 enforcement for more information.

31 The bill requires the department of public safety to update
32 the relevant information in the statewide database on a regular
33 basis.