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Senate Bill 257

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Date _____, 2025

Senator Applewhite

1 moves to amend the PCS on page 285, lines 7-8, by inserting the following between the lines:

2 **"THE JENESIS FIREARM ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

3 **SECTION 19.1A.(a)** This section shall be known as "The Jenesis Firearm
4 Accountability Act."

5 **SECTION 19.1A.(b)** The purpose of this section is to do all of the following:

- 6 (1) Enhance public safety by aiding law enforcement in tracking lost or stolen
7 firearms.
- 8 (2) Deter gun crimes by ensuring timely reporting of lost or stolen firearms.
- 9 (3) Protect law-abiding gun owners by preventing illegal firearm trafficking and
10 reducing criminal misuse.

11 **SECTION 19.1A.(c)** Article 53A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended
12 by adding a new section to read:

13 **"§ 14-409.13. Report of loss or theft of firearm.**

14 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

- 15 (1) Firearm. – As defined in G.S. 14-409.39.
- 16 (2) Law enforcement agency. – Any municipal, county, or State law enforcement
17 agency with jurisdiction.
- 18 (3) Lost or stolen. – Includes a firearm that has been misplaced, taken without the
19 owner's consent, or is otherwise unaccounted for.

20 (b) Requirement. – A person who owns, possesses, or otherwise controls a firearm that is
21 lost or stolen shall report the loss or theft to a law enforcement agency within 48 hours of
22 discovering the firearm is lost or stolen. The report required under this subsection shall include
23 all of the following, if known:

- 24 (1) The make, model, caliber, and serial number of the firearm.
- 25 (2) The date and location where the firearm was lost or stolen.
- 26 (3) The type and approximate number of rounds of ammunition stolen, if
27 applicable.
- 28 (4) Any additional information required by the law enforcement agency.

29 (c) Punishment. – Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, a
30 violation of this section is an infraction that shall be punished as follows:

- 31 (1) For a first offense, a person shall only receive a written warning.



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1 (2) For a second offense, a person shall be fined an amount up to five hundred
2 dollars (\$500.00).

3 (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a person shall be fined an amount up to one
4 thousand dollars (\$1,000).

5 (d) Additional Punishment. – In addition to the punishment set forth in subsection (c) of
6 this section, a person who fails to report a lost or stolen firearm in accordance with this section
7 and the firearm is used in the commission of a criminal offense may be liable for civil damages
8 to any person injured as a result of the offense. If the firearm is used in the commission of a
9 violent felony or misdemeanor, as defined in G.S. 15A-145.6, the person who failed to report the
10 lost or stolen firearm in accordance with this section shall be guilty of the same level of offense
11 as the offense in which the firearm was used unless the person demonstrates to the court a
12 reasonable inability to have complied with the requirements of this section.

13 (e) Immunity. – Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person who
14 reports a lost or stolen firearm in accordance with this section shall not be subject to civil or
15 criminal liability for any criminal offenses committed with the firearm after the report is made.

16 (f) Construction. – Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the creation of
17 a firearm registry or require firearm owners to disclose ownership of firearms that have not been
18 lost or stolen."

19 **SECTION 19.1A.(d)** G.S. 105-164.13 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 105-164.13. Retail sales and use tax.**

21 The sale at retail and the use, storage, or consumption in this State of the following items are
22 specifically exempted from the tax imposed by this Article:

23 ...

24 (76) Equipment designed to prevent unauthorized access to firearms, including (i)
25 a device that, when installed on a firearm, is designed to prevent the firearm
26 from being operated without first deactivating the device or (ii) a gun safe,
27 gun case, lockbox, or other device that is for home use and is designed, in light
28 of materials used, to prevent access to a firearm by any means other than a
29 key, a combination, biometric data, or other similar means. The equipment
30 exempted under this subdivision does not include a glass-faced cabinet or
31 other form of storage that is primarily designed to allow for the display of
32 firearms."

33 **SECTION 19.1A.(e)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
34 of Public Safety the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring funds for
35 the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used to develop and implement an educational campaign to make
36 the public aware of the responsibility set forth in G.S. 14-409.13, as enacted by subsection (c) of
37 this section. The Department of Public Safety shall consult with the North Carolina Sheriffs'
38 Association and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police in developing and
39 implementing the campaign required under this section.

40 **SECTION 19.1A.(f)** Subsections (c) and (d) of this section become effective
41 October 1, 2025, and apply to (i) sales made on or after that date and (ii) offenses committed on
42 or after that date. The remainder of this section becomes effective July 1, 2025."

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