

1 AN ACT relating to firearms.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "safe storage depository" means a safe or other secure*  
6 *container which, when locked, is incapable of being opened without the key,*  
7 *combination, or other unlocking mechanism and is capable of preventing an*  
8 *unauthorized person from obtaining access to and possession of its contents.*

9 *(2) A person who owns or is a custodian of a firearm shall not store or otherwise*  
10 *leave the firearm out of his or her immediate possession or control without*  
11 *having first securely locked the firearm in an appropriate safe storage depository*  
12 *or rendered it incapable of being fired by use of a gun-locking device appropriate*  
13 *to that weapon.*

14 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO  
15 READ AS FOLLOWS:

16 *(1) (a) Any owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm who suffers*  
17 *the loss or theft of the firearm or any person who sells ammunition who*  
18 *suffers a loss or theft of ammunition shall report the facts and*  
19 *circumstances of the loss or theft to an appropriate law enforcement agency*  
20 *within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery of the loss or theft.*

21 *(b) The report required by paragraph (a) of this subsection shall contain, if*  
22 *known, the caliber, make, model, manufacturer's name, and serial number,*  
23 *if any, and any other distinguishing number or identification mark on the*  
24 *firearm, or the make, type, and caliber of the ammunition.*

25 *(2) A law enforcement agency that receives a report pursuant to subsection (1) of this*  
26 *section shall enter the reported information into the National Crime Information*  
27 *Center database.*

1           ➔Section 3. KRS 237.990 is amended to read as follows:

2       (1) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 237.030 to 237.050 shall be  
3       guilty of a Class D felony.

4       (2) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 237.030 to 237.050, and in  
5       so doing uses any destructive device or booby trap device to avoid detection by law  
6       enforcement or other government personnel or to avoid theft or detection by any  
7       other person, of any controlled substance as set forth in KRS Chapter 218A and  
8       held in violation of KRS 218A.140, shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

9       **(3) Any person who violates Section 1 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class A**  
10       **misdemeanor.**

11       **(4) Any person who fails to report a loss or theft as required by Section 2 of this Act**  
12       **shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.**