

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 658**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring a person who steals a firearm to report the theft  
1.3 promptly to law enforcement; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law  
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[624.7139] STOLEN FIREARMS; REQUIRED REPORTING.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Duty to report.** A person who steals a firearm shall report the theft to a  
1.8 law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the theft occurred as soon as practicable  
1.9 but not later than within 48 hours of the theft.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) A person who violates this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

1.11 (b) A person who violates this section a second time is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.12 (c) A person who violates this section a third or subsequent time is guilty of a gross  
1.13 misdemeanor.

1.14 Subd. 3. **Report to commissioner of public safety.** A chief of police or sheriff shall  
1.15 report a stolen firearm to the commissioner of public safety within seven days of receiving  
1.16 notification of the theft under this section.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to acts  
1.18 committed on or after that date.

1.19 Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; APPROPRIATION.**

1.20 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.21 public safety for a reporting system overseen by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to

- 2.1 allow chiefs of police and sheriffs to report stolen firearms as provided in Minnesota Statutes,
- 2.2 section 624.7139. This is a onetime appropriation.