

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 08-0046  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, D’Adamo, Curran, Branch, Cole, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Clarke, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Henry, Young

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2008

Assigned to: Public Safety and Health Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, Police Department, Department of Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Firearms – Reporting Theft or Loss**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the theft or loss of a firearm be reported, within a specified  
4 time, to the police; defining certain terms; and imposing certain criminal and civil penalties.

5 BY adding

6 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

7 Section(s) 41-14(2)(§ 59-18)

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

10 BY adding

11 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

12 Section(s) 59-17 to 59-20, to be under the new part,

13 “Part 2A. Firearms – Reporting Theft or Loss”

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
17 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

20 **Subtitle 41. Civil Citations**

21 **§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies – Listing.**

22 **(2) Article 19. Police Ordinances**

23 **§ 59-18. REPORTING {THEFT OR LOSS OF FIREARM} REQUIRED**

**\$250**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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**Article 19. Police Ordinances**

**Subtitle 59. Weapons**

***PART 2A. FIREARMS – REPORTING THEFT OR LOSS***

**§ 59-17. “FIREARM” DEFINED.**

IN THIS PART 2A, “FIREARM” INCLUDES ANY PISTOL, REVOLVER, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, SHORT-BARRELED RIFLE, SHORT-BARRELED SHOTGUN, OR OTHER FIREARM.

**§ 59-18. REPORTING REQUIRED.**

ON THE THEFT OR LOSS IN THE CITY OF A FIREARM, THE PERSON WHO OWNED OR POSSESSED THE FIREARM SHALL REPORT THE THEFT OR LOSS TO THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT SHALL BE MADE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DISCOVERING THE THEFT OR LOSS.

**§ 59-19. ENFORCEMENT BY CITATION.**

*(A) IN GENERAL.*

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE, THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED BY ISSUANCE OF A CIVIL CITATION UNDER CITY CODE ARTICLE 1, SUBTITLE 41 {“CIVIL CITATIONS”}.

*(B) PROCESS NOT EXCLUSIVE.*

THE ISSUANCE OF A CIVIL CITATION TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE PURSUING ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

**§ 59-20. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 59-18 OF THIS PART 2A IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$250 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.