

# SENATE BILL No. 344

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-47-4-8.

**Synopsis:** Possession of a firearm by an illegal alien. Provides that an alien who is illegally or unlawfully present in the United States and knowingly or intentionally possesses a firearm commits unlawful possession of a firearm by an alien, a Level 6 felony.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. IC 35-47-4-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2017]: **Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "alien" has the meaning**  
4 **set forth in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a).**  
5           **(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), an alien who:**  
6           **(1) is illegally or unlawfully present in the United States; and**  
7           **(2) knowingly or intentionally possesses a firearm;**  
8 **commits unlawful possession of a firearm by an alien, a Level 6**  
9 **felony.**  
10          **(c) This section does not apply to an alien described in 18 U.S.C.**  
11 **922(y)(2).**

