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Introduced by Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington and Arsenault of
Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Criminal procedures; firearms

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit
firearms at polling places and to require that lost or stolen firearms be reported
to a law enforcement agency.

An act relating to prohibiting firearms at polling places and requiring that
lost or stolen firearms be reported to a law enforcement agency

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4027 is added to read:

§ 4027. POLLING PLACES; FIREARMS PROHIBITED

(a) A person shall not knowingly possess a firearm at a polling place.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than
one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(1) firearms carried for legitimate law enforcement purposes by a
federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer certified as a law

1 enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council pursuant to
2 20 V.S.A. § 2358; or

3 (2) firearms carried by a person while performing the person's official
4 duties as an employee of the United States; a department or agency of the
5 United States; a state; or a department, agency, or political subdivision of a
6 state.

7 (d) As used in this section:

8 (1) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in section 4017 of this title.

9 (2) "Polling place" means a place that a municipality has designated to
10 the Secretary of State as a polling place pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2502(f).

11 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 4028 is added to read:

12 § 4028. REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS; CIVIL

13 PENALTY

14 (a) A person in lawful possession of a firearm shall notify a law
15 enforcement agency within 72 hours after the person discovers that the firearm
16 has been lost or stolen.

17 (b) A person who violates this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of
18 not more than \$250.00.

19 (c) As used in this section:

20 (1) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in section 4017 of this title.

