



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5305

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR A FIREARMS DEALER WHO FAILS TO INSTALL A BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM ON THE PREMISES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-37d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) On and after July 1, 1993, each business organization which
4 engages in the retail sale of firearms, as defined in section 53a-3, as a
5 regular course of trade or business, shall have a burglar alarm system
6 installed on the premises of its establishment in which ten or more
7 firearms are stored and kept for sale. Such alarm system shall be directly
8 connected to the local police department or monitored by a central
9 station and shall activate upon unauthorized entry or interruption to
10 such system. For the purposes of this section, "business organization"
11 means a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation or other
12 form of business or legal entity. The provisions of this section shall not
13 apply to any person who (1) sells or exchanges a firearm for the
14 enhancement of a personal collection or as a hobby, (2) sells all or part
15 of a personal collection of firearms, or (3) sells firearms from his own
16 residence and keeps for sale not more than ten firearms.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection

18 may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, impose a civil penalty
19 of not more than one hundred dollars for a violation of this section. Each
20 violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and, in case of a
21 continuing violation, each day's continuance thereof shall be deemed a
22 separate and distinct offense, provided the civil penalty may not exceed
23 four thousand nine hundred dollars in the aggregate for a continuing
24 violation.

25 (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
26 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	29-37d

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*