

**Public Safety and Security Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5305

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

**Title:** ESTABLISHMENT.

**Vote Date:** 3/15/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/10/2022

**File No.:** 181

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Public Safety and Security Committee

**Co-Sponsors**

Rep. Maria P. Horn, 64<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

Since July 1, 1993, a business that sells firearms is required to have a burglar alarm system installed on premises if ten or more firearms are stored and kept for sale. This bill will allow the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to adopt regulations with the provisions of chapter 54 and establish fines for the businesses that violate the provisions.

**Proposed Substitute Language**

After notice and opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection can impose a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars for a violation. Each violation shall be separate, and a distinct offense and the civil penalty will not exceed four thousand nine hundred dollars in the aggregate for a continued violation.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**James Rovella, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, State of Connecticut**

The department was put forward by the Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection. It would allow the department the authority to adopt regulations to establish penalties for firearms dealers that fail to install an active fire alarm system on the premises of

their business. Allowing the Commissioner to adopt these regulations will allow better enforcement of those dealers not in compliance.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Expressed

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**David Godbout**

Mr. Godbout opposes all bills before the CGA, as he feels that his Fourth Amendment rights are being violated.

**Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk**

**Date: 3/30/2022**