

SENATE BILL No. 177

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-47-3-5.

Synopsis: Return of firearm to rightful owner. Provides that a person may not waive certain requirements concerning the return of a firearm to the rightful owner as part of a plea agreement. Specifies that any purported waiver is invalid and unenforceable as against public policy.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 35-47-3-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5. (a) A person may not waive the requirements**
4 **under section 2 of this chapter concerning the return of a firearm**
5 **to the rightful owner as part of a plea agreement.**
6 **(b) Any purported waiver of the requirements described in**
7 **subsection (a) in a plea agreement is invalid and unenforceable as**
8 **against public policy.**

