

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6835

BILL NUMBER: SB 177

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2025

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Return of Firearm to Rightful Owner.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Tomes

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED:

**GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill 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. It specifies that any purported waiver is invalid and unenforceable as against public policy.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Storage and Disposal Costs:* This bill's provision may increase costs to local units to store firearms, attempt to contact rightful owners, and to dispose of the firearms in the event the rightful owner cannot be contacted. Any increase should be within the routine function of local law enforcement agencies and should be met with existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Firearm Sales Revenue:* This bill may decrease revenues to local units that return firearms to their rightful owners that would otherwise sell these items under the provisions of the law. Any decrease is expected to be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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