

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsors:

Council
Member
Turner
Williams

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council is committed to promoting public safety and reducing gun violence in the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, firearms used to perpetrate crimes are often illegally obtained either through theft or through “straw purchases,” in which firearms are unlawfully purchased on behalf of persons not legally qualified to own, possess or purchase them; and

WHEREAS, to help reduce the proliferation of illegally-obtained firearms, the State of Delaware requires citizens to report the loss or theft of firearms to law enforcement within 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, in addition, committing a straw purchase in the State of Delaware can presently result in a class F felony conviction for a first offense, with more serious penalties for subsequent offenses; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 174, sponsored by Delaware State Representative John Mitchell, would amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code to raise the penalty for the first offense of purchasing or obtaining a firearm for someone not legally qualified to own, possess or purchase one from a Class F to a Class E Felony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council strongly supports House Bill 174 and all related efforts to prevent and reduce the proliferation of illegally-obtained firearms.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 2nd
day of January 2018.

Elizabeth D. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution supports efforts by the State of Delaware to help prevent and reduce the proliferation of illegally-obtained firearms.