626.5536 LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR ETRACE SYSTEM AND TRACE AND REPORT ON RECOVERED OR CONFISCATED FIREARMS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "recovered or confiscated" means any of the following:

(i) obtained from a crime scene or in connection with a criminal investigation;

(ii) seized by a law enforcement agency;

(iii) forfeited to a law enforcement agency;

(iv) acquired by a law enforcement agency as an abandoned or discarded firearm;

(v) obtained following the unlawful discharge of a firearm; or

(vi) otherwise obtained and reasonably believed to be connected to a crime; and

(2) "law enforcement agency" does not include the State Patrol or the Department of Natural Resources.

Subd. 2. **Reporting required.** (a) Each law enforcement agency shall register for the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Tracing Center's eTrace system, and opt-in to the system's collective data sharing feature.

(b) Whenever a firearm is recovered or confiscated by a law enforcement agency, the agency must, as soon as practicable, transmit information relating to the firearm to the eTrace system.

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