

Federal firearm licensees (FFL) nationwide are too often the victims of burglaries and robberies.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) tracks the number of FFL burglaries and robberies each year. According to ATF's data, burglaries peaked in 2017 at 577, a 71 percent increase from 2013. In 2019, the number dropped to 343, a 41 percent decrease from 2017, showing a positive trend of decreased FFL burglaries.

The number of robberies from FFLs decreased 28 percent from 2018 to 2019. According to the ATF 4,691 firearms were stolen from FFLs in burglaries and robberies in 2019, a drop of 73% compared to the peak in 2017.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) and members of the firearm industry are concerned about these trends and are working to support further declines.

To help address this ongoing threat to FFLs and to public safety, NSSF supports the passage of federal legislation, such as the Federal Firearm Licensee Protection Act of 2019, introduced as S.1788 by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) in the Senate, and as H.R.2179 by Rep. Conor Lamb (D-PA-17) and Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-4) in the House.

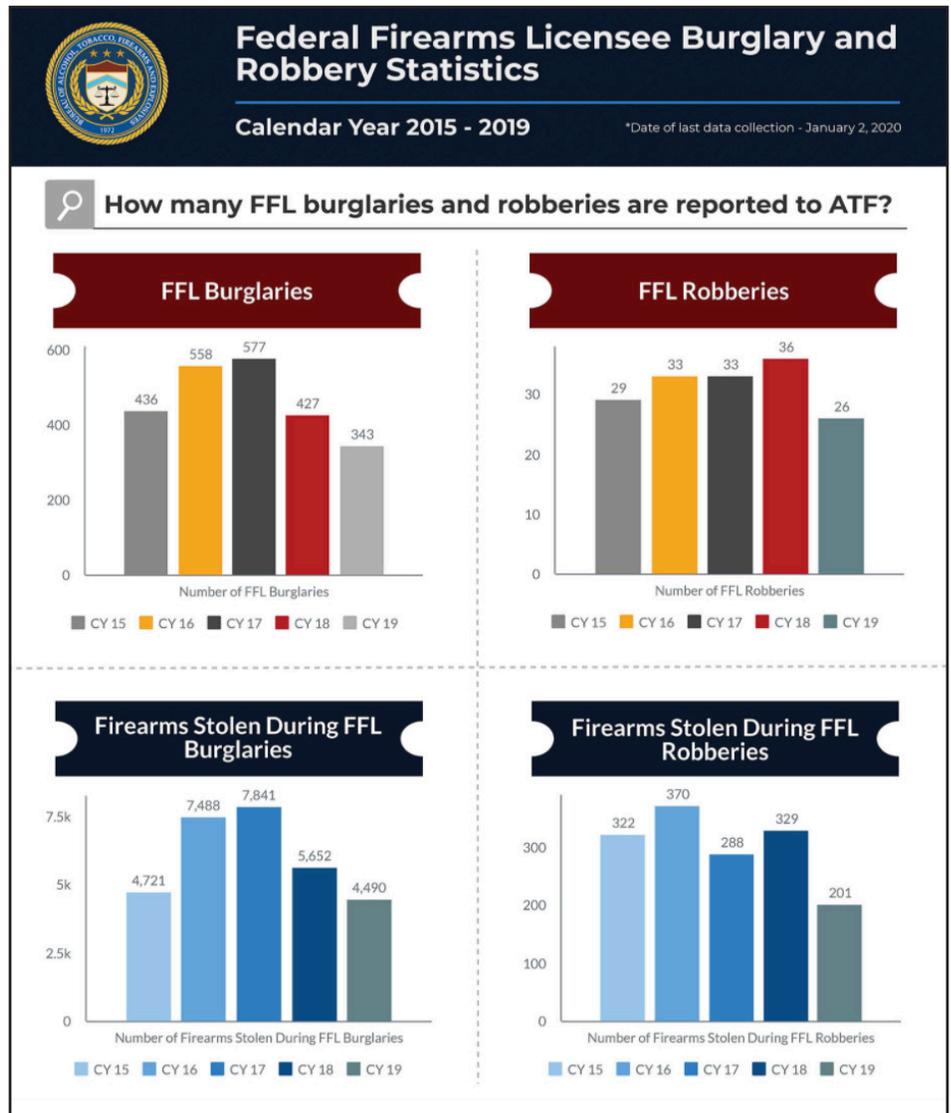
This legislation would strengthen and enhance criminal penalties for thefts of firearms from FFLs to send a strong message to those violent criminals engaging in

this nefarious activity, help provide for safer communities, assist law enforcement, and protect the livelihoods of FFLs throughout the state.

The Federal Firearm Licensee Protection Act builds on the

efforts NSSF, the trade association for the firearm industry, has taken to address this problem through our partnership with ATF on Operation Secure Store<sup>SM</sup> ([operationsecurestore.org](http://operationsecurestore.org)). As part of Operation Secure Store, NSSF

## FFL PROTECTION ACT



Source: ATF Infographic, <https://www.atf.gov/infographics/federal-firearms-licensee-burglary-and-robbery-statistics-calendar-year-2015-2019>

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matches ATF reward offers for information regarding these crimes. Additionally, NSSF helps educate FFLs on steps they can take to reduce the chance guns will be stolen from them during a burglary or robbery, and in cooperation with ATF, conducts retailer store security seminars, assists retailers with store security audits of their premises

and endorses and promotes the use of security products like smash-resistant display cases.

While these campaigns promote best practices for FFLs, every store is different and there is no one-size-fits-all approach. Even when following best practices and taking proper precautions, FFLs remain high targets for determined

criminals seeking to illegally obtain firearms.

NSSF urges support for passage of the Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act in the 116th Congress to help prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands — and to ensure that criminals are taken off our streets and prosecuted.

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