

A002-0405

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Public Safety - Handgun Identification Requirements - Repeal**

30 FOR the purpose of repealing a the provision that establishes a procedure for the collection and
40 reporting of handgun shell casing information.

50 BY repealing
60 Article - Public Safety
70 Section 5-131
80 Annotated Code of Maryland
90 (2003 Volume)

100 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That
110 the Laws of Maryland read as follows

120 ~~§ 5 — 131. Article — Public Safety~~

130 (a) ~~(1) — In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

140 (2) ~~— "Manufacturer" means a person who possesses a federal license to engage in the~~
150 ~~business of manufacturing firearms or ammunition for sale or distribution.~~

160 (3) ~~— "Projectile" means the part of handgun ammunition that is expelled through the~~
170 ~~barrel of the handgun by an explosion.~~

180 (4) ~~— "Shell casing" means the part of handgun ammunition that contains the primer~~
190 ~~and propellant powder to discharge the projectile.~~

200 (b) ~~— A manufacturer that ships or transports a handgun for sale, rental, or transfer in the State~~
210 ~~shall include in the box with the handgun in a separate, sealed container:~~

220 (1) ~~— a shell casing of a projectile discharged from the handgun; and~~

230 (2) ~~— additional information that the Secretary requires to identify the type of handgun~~
240 ~~and shell casing.~~

250 (c) (1) ~~— On receipt of a handgun from a manufacturer, the dealer shall confirm to the~~
260 ~~Department of State Police that the manufacturer has complied with subsection~~
270 ~~(b) of this section.~~

280 (2) ~~— On the sale, rental, or transfer of the handgun, the dealer shall forward the sealed~~
290 ~~container to the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory.~~

300 (d) ~~— On receipt of a shell casing and information as required in subsection (b) of this~~
310 ~~section, the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory shall enter the~~
320 ~~information in each relevant database.~~

330 **SECTION 2.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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