

SENATE BILL 736

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Identification Requirements – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law requiring certain firearms manufacturers
4 and dealers and the Department of State Police to take certain actions relating to
5 identification of handguns; and generally relating to handgun identification
6 requirements.

7 BY repealing

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–131

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **[5–131.**

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Manufacturer” means a person who possesses a federal license to
18 engage in the business of manufacturing firearms or ammunition for sale or distribution.

19 (3) “Projectile” means the part of handgun ammunition that is expelled
20 through the barrel of the handgun by an explosion.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) "Shell casing" means the part of handgun ammunition that contains the
2 primer and propellant powder to discharge the projectile.

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

5 (1) a shell casing of a projectile discharged from the handgun; and

6 (2) additional information that the Secretary requires to identify the type
7 of handgun and shell casing.

8 (c) (1) On receipt of a handgun from a manufacturer, the dealer shall confirm
9 to the Department of State Police that the manufacturer has complied with subsection (b)
10 of this section.

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

13 (d) On receipt of a shell casing and information as required in subsection (b) of
14 this section, the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory shall enter the information
15 in each relevant database.]

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2015.