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BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1186

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "firearms;" insert "<u>authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to access certain information from the District Court concerning certain protective orders for a certain purpose;</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 21, insert:

- "(D) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 5-602(C) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION RELATED TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ACCESS INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A REVIEW OF PROTECTIVE ORDER PETITIONS AND RELATED INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES TO DETERMINE HOW THESE ORDERS ARE BEING USED AND THE IMPACT, IF ANY, ON THE INCIDENCE OF HOMICIDES, ASSAULTS, AND SUICIDES BY FIREARMS IN THE STATE SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND THE IMPACT OF THAT LAW AS COMPARED TO SIMILAR ENACTMENTS IN OTHER STATES.
- (2) ALL INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REVIEWED AND RESEARCHED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND ANY REPORT, STUDY, OR OTHER USE OF THE INFORMATION SHALL MAINTAIN THE STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REVIEWED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SECTION.

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(3) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY DELEGATE THE REVIEW AND RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SECTION TO A RECOGNIZED RESEARCH INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.";

and in line 22, strike "(d)" and substitute "(E)".