
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Handguns - Sales by Law Enforcement Agencies to**
3 **Officers**
4 **PG 336-04**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing a law enforcement agency of Prince George's County
6 or a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to allow a current or
7 retired law enforcement officer to keep or acquire the handgun assigned to the
8 officer under certain circumstances; allowing a certain law enforcement officer
9 to purchase a certain handgun under certain circumstances; requiring a certain
10 law enforcement officer to retain ownership and possession of a certain handgun
11 under certain circumstances; allowing a certain law enforcement officer to
12 relinquish ownership and possession of a certain handgun to a certain law
13 enforcement agency under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
14 handguns issued to law enforcement officers in Prince George's County.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Public Safety
17 Section 3-501
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2003 Volume)

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

22 **Article - Public Safety**

23 3-501.

24 (A) A law enforcement agency seeking to dispose of a handgun owned by the
25 agency shall:

26 (1) destroy the handgun;

27 (2) sell, exchange, or transfer the handgun to another law enforcement
28 agency for official use by that agency;

1 (3) sell the handgun to a retired police employee in accordance with §
2 2-415(c) of this article; or

3 (4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, sell the handgun to
4 the law enforcement officer to whom the handgun was assigned.

5 (B) (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OR A
6 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY ALLOW A CURRENT OR
7 RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO KEEP OR ACQUIRE THE HANDGUN
8 ASSIGNED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 OFFICER REIMBURSES THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE REPLACEMENT
10 VALUE OF THE HANDGUN.

11 (2) IF THE HANDGUN ISSUED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS
12 BEEN DESTROYED OR IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE, THE LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY PURCHASE A SIMILAR HANDGUN IF THE LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSACTION.

15 (3) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO KEEPS OR ACQUIRES A
16 HANDGUN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION MAY ONLY RELINQUISH
17 OWNERSHIP AND POSSESSION OF THE HANDGUN TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 AGENCY FROM WHICH THE OFFICER OBTAINED THE HANDGUN.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
20 effect October 1, 2004.