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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 281  
(Third Reading File Bill – Committee Reprint)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Task Force to Study Handguns and Assault Weapons”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike beginning with “making” in line 3 on page 1 down through “firearms” in line 41 on page 3 and substitute “establishing a Task Force to Study Handguns and Assault Weapons; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Handguns and Assault Weapons”.

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 42 on page 3 through line 4 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 6, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 5 through 60, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 5 through line 16 on page 60, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Handguns and Assault Weapons.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

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(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee; and

(4) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research;

(ii) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorney's Association;

(iii) one representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Maryland;

(iv) one representative of a community organization;

(v) one representative of a hunting club or organization;

(vi) one representative of a local police department; and

(vii) one representative of a second amendment advocacy organization.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) identify and review any data or studies indicating:

(i) the accessibility of handguns and assault weapons to individuals, including youth and individuals convicted of a felony;

(ii) the number of handguns and assault weapons owned by individuals;

(iii) the number and types of handguns and assault weapons in circulation in the State;

(iv) the number of crimes committed locally and nationally that involved a handgun or an assault weapon;

(v) any trends in the use of handguns or assault weapons during the commission of crimes; and

(vi) the effectiveness of handgun and assault weapon laws of other states;

(2) study the adequacy of State laws and policies relating to handguns and assault weapons, including:

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- (i) access of individuals to handguns and assault weapons;
  - (ii) the penalties for crimes involving handguns and assault weapons;
  - (iii) the storage of handguns and assault weapons; and
  - (iv) the transfer of handguns and assault weapons; and
- (3) make recommendations regarding whether existing laws and policies relating to handguns and assault weapons adequately protect and serve the public.
- (g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.