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§5–131.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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