

## Chapter 335

## (Senate Bill 622)

AN ACT concerning

~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention – Crime Firearms – Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to study and compile information regarding certain matters that relate to certain crime firearms; requiring the Department of State Police to provide certain information for the study; requiring the ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearms.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That:

(a) In this section, "crime firearm" means a firearm that is:

- (1) used in the commission of a crime of violence as defined in § 5–101 of the Public Safety Article; or
- (2) recovered by law enforcement in connection with illegal firearm possession, transportation, or transfer.

(b) The ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall:

- (1) study information regarding crime firearms in the State, including:
  - (i) the number and types of crime firearms;
  - (ii) the sources of the crime firearms, including the ~~manufacturer,~~ importer, dealer, and first purchaser for all recovered crime firearms; and
  - (iii) the jurisdictions where crime firearms were recovered;
- (2) ~~study~~ report the crimes committed with crime firearms by jurisdiction, including:
  - (i) the number of charges and convictions for:
    1. crimes of violence;

2. illegal transfers;
  3. illegal possession; ~~and~~
  4. illegal transportation; and
  5. straw purchases; and
- (ii) the number and types of criminal charges associated with a crime firearm;
- (3) compile all available information and data regarding the source of crime firearms, including:
- (i) for out-of-state crime firearms:
    1. the country, state, or city of origin; and
    2. the location in the State where the crime firearm was recovered;
  - (ii) for in-State crime firearms:
    1. the jurisdiction of origin; and
    2. the location where the crime firearm was recovered;
  - (iii) information on the top 10 dealers of crime firearms in the State, including:
    1. names;
    2. locations; and
    3. the dates and outcomes of audits conducted by the Maryland State Police of the dealers; and
  - (iv) ~~information on~~ the 10 states where the most crime firearms recovered in the State originated, including a comparison of the other states' firearms laws regarding:
    1. licensing;
    2. background checks;
    3. waiting periods;

4. straw purchases; and
5. ~~safe storage laws~~ concealed carry laws;

(4) collect information on the length of time between the origination and recovery of a crime firearm; and

(5) gather information regarding *whether* the individuals found in possession of crime firearms, ~~including~~

- (i) ~~their ages~~;
- (ii) ~~their jurisdictions of residence~~;
- (iii) ~~their jurisdictions where charged~~; and
- (iv) ~~whether they~~ were previously prohibited from possessing a

firearm.

(c) The Department of State Police shall provide the ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with any and all information necessary to complete this study.

(d) On or before December 1, 2020, the ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall report its findings 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 October 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.**