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**By: Senators Pica, Blount, Kelley, Young, Hughes, and Hoffman**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Handgun Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, by  
4 ordinance, to regulate the purchase, sale, transfer, possession, and transportation of  
5 handguns; authorizing the requirement of a firearms safety course; authorizing the  
6 establishment of certain penalties, subject to a certain limitation; and generally  
7 relating to the regulation of handguns in Baltimore City.

8 BY adding to

9 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
10 Section 5A-1 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5A. Handguns"  
11 Article 4 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
12 (1979 Edition and 1991 and 1993 Supplements, as amended)

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

15 **Article 4 - Baltimore City**

16 **5A. HANDGUNS**

17 5A-1.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "HANDGUN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 27,  
19 § 36F(A) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

20 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WITHIN THE  
21 BOUNDARIES OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MAY, BY  
22 ORDINANCE:

23 (1) REGULATE THE PURCHASE, SALE, TRANSFER, POSSESSION, AND  
24 TRANSPORTATION OF HANDGUNS;

25 (2) REQUIRE A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE BEFORE THE ACQUISITION  
26 OR PURCHASE OF A HANDGUN; AND

27 (3) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF SUBSECTION (C), ESTABLISH  
28 PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
29 SECTION.

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1 (C) THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
2 SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THOSE PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 27, § 36B(D) OF THE  
3 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 1996.