

BY: Senator Ruben (Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Safety, Transportation, Economic Development, and Natural Resources)

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 120
(Third Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 166, under:

Heading: DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
Program: WA01.01
Entitled: Office of the Secretary

In line 19, after "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$1,000,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of providing operating funds for the Department of State Police, Office of the Secretary shall be withheld from disbursement until the Department of State Police has prepared and submitted a report to the budget committees and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee that addresses the following issues: (1) compliance with the provisions contained in Article 27, § 442 of the Annotated Code of Maryland that require the Department of State Police to notify firearms dealers within seven days from its receipt of a firearm application if the applicant has not been approved; (2) implementation of management procedures and policies to ensure that the appropriate investigation of firearm applicants is conducted in a timely fashion; and (3) implementation of management procedures and policies to ensure that firearms are not sold to individuals prohibited from purchasing firearms under the provisions of Article 27, § 442 of the Code.

The Department shall submit the report by June 1, 1999. The budget committees and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee shall have 45 days from the receipt of the report for review and comment.

Further provided that the Department of Legislative Services, Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct an audit of firearms applications processed by the Department of State Police and prepare a report of its findings by October 1, 1999 to determine if the Department of State Police is complying with the State's firearms application statute."