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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handguns - Child Resistance Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a handgun sold after a certain date to meet State  
4 performance standards for child resistance; requiring that performance  
5 standards for child resistance be designed so that a child under a certain age  
6 would have significant difficulty in firing a handgun; requiring that a certain  
7 type of device be attached to a handgun; requiring that the Secretary of State  
8 Police adopt regulations by a certain date to carry out this Act; and generally  
9 relating to performance standards for handguns regarding child resistance.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Commercial Law

12 Section 13-319

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Commercial Law**

18 13-319.

19 (A) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL A PISTOL,  
20 REVOLVER, OR OTHER HANDGUN UNLESS THE HANDGUN MEETS STATE  
21 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR CHILD RESISTANCE.

22 (B) THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR CHILD RESISTANCE:

23 (1) SHALL BE DESIGNED SO THAT A CHILD UNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE  
24 WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTY IN FIRING A HANDGUN; AND

25 (2) SHALL REQUIRE A GRIP-SAFETY MECHANISM, A COMBINATION  
26 LOCK MECHANISM, OR OTHER DEVICE TO BE ATTACHED TO A HANDGUN.

1 (C) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000, THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE  
2 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1999.