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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regulated Firearms License**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Department of State Police to issue  
4 identification cards to purchasers, renters, and transferors of regulated firearms  
5 whose applications to purchase, rent, or transfer are not disapproved; specifying  
6 the form and contents of the license; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain  
7 regulations; and generally relating to regulated firearms.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
10 Section 442(i)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 442.

17 (i) (1) The Secretary may request the assistance of the Police Commissioner  
18 of Baltimore City, the chief of police in any county maintaining a police force, or the  
19 sheriff in a county not maintaining a police force and shall promptly upon receipt of  
20 an application to purchase, rent, or transfer conduct an investigation in order to  
21 determine the truth or falsity of the information supplied and statements made in the  
22 application. If it be thereupon determined that any false information or statement has  
23 been supplied or made by the applicant, that the application has not been properly  
24 completed, or that written notification from the applicant's licensed attending  
25 physician has been received stating that the applicant is suffering from a mental  
26 disorder or disorders and is a danger to himself or herself or to others, the Secretary  
27 shall notify the prospective seller, lessor, or transferor, in writing, within seven days  
28 from the date the executed application to purchase or transfer was forwarded by  
29 certified mail or facsimile machine, of his disapproval of the application. Written  
30 notification of such disapproval shall be thereafter forwarded by the Secretary to the

1 prospective purchaser, lessee, or transferee. The date upon which the executed  
2 application to purchase, rent, or transfer was forwarded by certified mail or by  
3 facsimile machine to the Secretary by the prospective seller, lessor, or transferor shall  
4 be considered as the first day of the seven-day period allowed for notice of  
5 disapproval to the prospective seller, lessor, or transferor. If the seventh day of the  
6 seven-day period allowed for the notice of disapproval shall fall on a Sunday or legal  
7 holiday, the computation period shall be extended to the first day next following,  
8 which is neither a Sunday nor a legal holiday.

9                   (2)     (I)     THE SECRETARY SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO EACH APPLICANT  
10 WHOSE APPLICATION IS NOT DISAPPROVED.

11                           (II)    THE SECRETARY SHALL ASSIGN AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER TO  
12 EACH LICENSE IT ISSUES.

13                           (III)   EACH LICENSE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY:

14                                   1.     SHALL BE OF THE SIZE, DESIGN, AND CONTENT THAT THE  
15 SECRETARY SPECIFIES; AND

16                                   2.     SHALL INCLUDE:

17                                   A.    THE NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF THE LICENSE  
18 HOLDER;

19                                   B.    THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE LICENSE HOLDER;

20                                   C.    A DESCRIPTION OF THE LICENSE HOLDER, WHICH SHALL  
21 INCLUDE THE HEIGHT, WEIGHT, AND SEX OF THE LICENSEE;

22                                   D.    THE SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE ISSUING AGENT;

23                                   E.    A SPACE FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE LICENSE HOLDER;  
24 AND

25                                   F.    A FRONTAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.

26                           (IV)   THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT  
27 THIS PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT FOR A SAFETY COURSE.

28     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2000.