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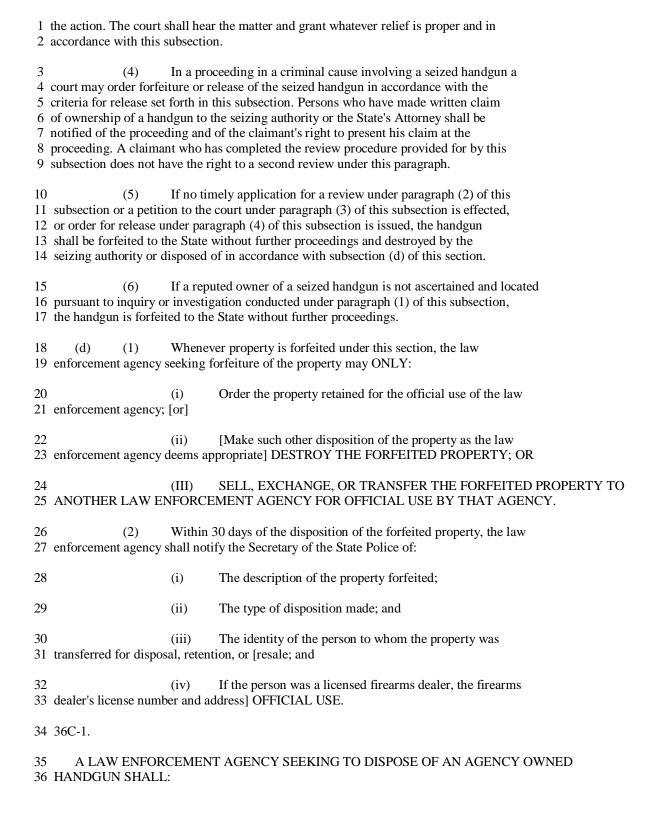
1 AN ACT concerning

2 Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000

- 3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the disposition of certain forfeited property; prohibiting
- 4 certain persons who have been adjudicated delinquent of certain offenses
- 5 involving firearms from obtaining a permit to carry a handgun, purchasing,
- 6 renting, or transferring a handgun, and possessing a handgun until a certain
- 7 age; prohibiting a dealer from selling or transferring certain firearms to certain
- 8 persons who have been adjudicated delinquent of certain offenses involving
- 9 firearms until a certain age; requiring certain firearms safety training courses;
- 10 <u>altering the composition of the Handgun Roster Board;</u> defining certain terms;
- providing for a certain procedure for collecting certain firearms identification
- 12 <u>handgun shell casing</u> information; requiring certain individuals to provide
- certain firearms identification handgun shell casing information to the State for
- certain testing; prohibiting the sale of certain firearms under certain
- 15 circumstances by a certain date; establishing a certain commission; providing
- 16 for the duties and reporting requirements for the commission; providing for the
- 17 sale of certain firearms sold after a certain date, offer for sale, rental, or transfer
- of certain handguns under certain circumstances unless the handgun is sold,
- offered for sale, rented, or transferred with an external safety lock; prohibiting
- the sale, offer for sale, rental, or transfer of certain handguns under certain
- circumstances unless the handgun has a certain integrated mechanical safety
- device; requiring the Handgun Roster Board to review the status of personalized
- handgun technology and annually report certain findings to the Governor and
- 24 the General Assembly beginning on or before a certain date; providing for
- certain exceptions; providing for certain penalties; providing for the

1	development of certain safety training standards by a certain date requiring the
2	Maryland Police Training Commission to adopt certain regulations for a
3	certified firearms safety training course by a certain date; requiring the
4	Maryland Police Training Commission to conduct a certified firearms safety
5	training course under certain conditions; authorizing certain individuals or
6	organizations to conduct a certified firearms safety training course under
7	certain conditions; establishing the Firearms Violence Reduction Cease Fire
8	Council within the Department of State Police; providing for the membership,
9	powers, and duties of the Council; establishing the administration of a certain
10	grant program; and generally relating to firearms.
11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12	Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
13	Section 36C, 36E(a), 36J(a), 442(h), 445(b) and (d), 445B, and 449(e)
14	Annotated Code of Maryland
15	(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
16	BY adding to
17	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
18	Section 36C-1, 442(h-1), 442B, and 442C, and 445(b-1)
19	Annotated Code of Maryland
20	(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
21	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, adding to
22	Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
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25	(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
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	BY adding to
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30	(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
31	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
32	MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
33	Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
3/1	36C.
J +	Soc.
35 36	(a) The following items of property shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture, and, upon forfeiture, no property right shall exist in them:

- **SENATE BILL 211** 1 Any handgun being worn, carried, or transported in violation of § (1) 2 36B, OR SOLD, RENTED, TRANSFERRED, OR POSSESSED IN VIOLATION OF § 442, § 442A, 3 OR § 445 of this article; and 4 All ammunition or other parts of or appurtenances to any such (2) 5 handgun worn, carried, or transported by such person or found in the immediate 6 vicinity of such handgun. 7 Any property subject to seizure under subsection (a) hereof may be (b) (1) 8 seized by any duly authorized law enforcement officer, as an incident to an arrest or search and seizure. 10 Any such officer seizing such property under this section shall either 11 place the property under seal or remove the same to a location designated either by 12 the Department of State Police or by the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction 13 in the locality. 14 (c) (1) Upon the seizure of a handgun pursuant to this section, the seizing 15 authority shall attempt to ascertain and locate its owner by whatever inquiry and 16 investigation is considered appropriate. If, as a result of an inquiry or investigation, 17 the name and address of the reputed owner of the handgun is ascertained and the 18 owner is a nonresident of Maryland, the seizing authority shall notify the appropriate 19 law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction of which the owner is a resident and 20 forward the handgun to that agency for disposition if the handgun is not needed for 21 investigation or evidence or disposed of under paragraph (4) of this subsection. If the 22 owner is a resident of the State the seizing authority may return the handgun to the 23 owner. If the seizing authority does not return the handgun, it shall promptly notify 24 the owner that he may apply within 30 days to the seizing authority for a review to 25 determine whether the owner knew or should have known that the handgun was 26 worn, carried, transported or used in violation of § 36B, and whether the owner is 27 qualified to possess it. Qualification for possession is the same as for sale or transfer 28 under § 442 of this article. Knowingly giving false information or making a material 29 misstatement in the application for review or an investigation pursuant thereto is 30 subject to the penalties set forth in § 449 of this article. 31 Upon timely receipt of an application, the seizing authority shall hold 32 an informal review not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act on the matter of 33 whether the owner either knew or should have known of the use or intended use of 34 the handgun in violation of § 36B. If, after that review, the determination of the 35 seizing authority is favorable to the owner, the handgun shall be released to the 36 owner if he is qualified to possess it, unless the handgun is needed as evidence in a 37 criminal case or investigation, in which event the handgun shall be promptly 38 returned upon the final conclusion of the case or investigation. 39 If the seizing authority determines after review that the handgun 40 should be forfeited to the State, the owner shall be so notified at his last known
- 40 should be forfeited to the State, the owner shall be so notified at his last known 41 address and within 30 days thereafter he may petition the appropriate District Court 42 for release of the handgun to him. The State's Attorney shall represent the State in



1	(1) DESTROY THE HANDGUN;			
2 3	(2) SELL, EXCHANGE, OR TRANSFER THE HANDGUN TO ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR OFFICIAL USE BY THAT AGENCY;			
4 5	(3) SELL THE HANDGUN TO A RETIRED STATE POLICE OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 88B, § 24 OF THE CODE; OR			
6 7	(4) SELL THE HANDGUN TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO WHOM THE HANDGUN WAS ASSIGNED.			
8	36E.			
	(a) A permit to carry a handgun shall be issued within a reasonable time by the Secretary of the State Police, upon application under oath therefor, to any person whom the Secretary finds:			
12	(1) Is eighteen years of age or older; and			
15	Has not been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor for which a sentence of imprisonment for more than one year has been imposed or, if convicted of such a crime, has been pardoned or has been granted relief pursuant to Title 18, § 925 (c) of the United States Code; and			
17 18	(3) [Has not been] IF THE PERSON IS LESS THAN 30 YEARS OF AGE AND WHO HAS NOT BEEN:			
21 22	(I) [committed] COMMITTED to any detention, training, or correctional institution for juveniles for longer than one year after an adjudication of delinquency by a juvenile court; [provided, however, that a person shall not be disqualified by virtue of this paragraph (3) if, at the time of the application, more than ten years has elapsed since his release from such institution; and] OR			
24	(II) ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT BY A JUVENILE COURT FOR:			
25	1. A CRIME OF VIOLENCE;			
26 27	2. ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY IN THIS STATE; OR			
28 29	3. ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR IN THIS STATE THAT CARRIES A STATUTORY PENALTY OF MORE THAN 2 YEARS; AND			
32	(4) Has not been convicted of any offense involving the possession, use, or distribution of controlled dangerous substances; and is not presently an addict, an habitual user of any controlled dangerous substance not under legitimate medical direction, or an alcoholic; and			
	(5) Has, based on the results of investigation, not exhibited a propensity for violence or instability which may reasonably render his possession of a handgun a danger to himself or other law-abiding persons; and			

3 4	"good and substantia	, or trans l reason"	sed on the results of investigation, good and substantial port a handgun, provided however, that the phrase as used herein shall be deemed to include a finding as a reasonable precaution against apprehended
6	<u>36J.</u>		
7	<u>(a)</u> <u>(1)</u>	There is	s a Handgun Roster Board in the Department of State Police.
	(2) Governor with the acterm of 4 years.		ard shall consist of [9] 11 members, appointed by the consent of the Senate, each of whom shall serve for a
11	<u>(3)</u>	The me	mbers of the Board shall be:
12		<u>(i)</u>	The Secretary;
13		<u>(ii)</u>	A representative of the Association of Chiefs of Police;
14		<u>(iii)</u>	A representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association;
15 16	manufacturer;	<u>(iv)</u>	A handgun dealer, a gunsmith, or a representative of a handgun
17 18	affiliated State associ	(v) ciation, w	A representative of the National Rifle Association or its ho is a resident of the State;
19 20	<u>and</u>	<u>(vi)</u>	A representative of the Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse;
21 22	ELECTRICAL ENC	<u>(vii)</u> SINEERS	[3] 5 citizen members, 2 OF WHOM SHALL BE MECHANICAL OR
23	<u>(4)</u>	The Sec	cretary shall serve as Chairman of the Board.
24 25	(5) by request of a majo		ard shall meet at the request of the Chairman of the Board or emembers.
26	442.		
27 28	(h) The apprintmental transfer	plication	to purchase, rent, or transfer shall contain the following
31 32 33	weight, race, eye and each firearm to be po	cial Secu d hair col urchased, lication sl	ant's name, address, driver's or photographic identification rity number, occupation, place and date of birth, height, or and signature and regulated firearm information for rented, or transferred. In the event the applicant is a hall be completed and executed by a corporate officer.

1 2	she:	A staten	nent by th	e applicant under the penalty of perjury that he or
3		(i)	Has neve	er been convicted of:
4			1.	A crime of violence;
5			2.	Any violation classified as a felony in this State;
6 7	that carries a statutory	y penalty	3. of more the	Any violation classified as a misdemeanor in this State han 2 years; or
8 9	the person received a	term of i	4. mprisonm	Any violation classified as a common law offense where nent of more than 2 years.
10		(ii)	Is not a f	fugitive from justice.
11		(iii)	Is not a l	nabitual drunkard.
12 13	substances.	(iv)	Is not an	addict or habitual user of any controlled dangerous
16 17	attached to the applic	cation a p pplication	ent of a me hysician's n, certifyin	er spent more than [thirty] 30 consecutive days in any ental disorder or disorders, unless there is a certificate, issued within [thirty] 30 days age that the applicant is capable of possessing a to himself or herself, or to others.
19		(vi)	Is at leas	st 21 years of age.
20 21	protective order has	(vii) been ente		respondent against whom a current non ex parte civil § 4-506 of the Family Law Article.
22 23	AND HAS NOT BE	(VIII) EN ADJU		S THAN 30 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION ED DELINQUENT BY A JUVENILE COURT FOR:
24			1.	A CRIME OF VIOLENCE;
25 26	OR		2.	ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY IN THIS STATE
27 28	STATE THAT CAR	RIES A S		ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR IN THIS ORY PENALTY OF MORE THAN 2 YEARS; AND
31 32 33	FIREARMS SAFET MARYLAND POLI	Y TRAIN CE TRAI THE MA	OR AFTE NING CO INING CO ARYLAN	TT TO SUBSECTION (H-1) OF THIS SECTION, FOR AN R JANUARY 1, 2002 HAS COMPLETED A CERTIFIED URSE CONDUCTED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE DMMISSION OR THAT MEETS STANDARDS D POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN OF THE CODE.

1 2	(3) the prospective seller		e and hour the application was delivered in completed form to eror by the prospective purchaser, lessee, or transferee.
		E UNDE	OT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CERTIFIED FIREARMS R SUBSECTION (H)(2)(IX) OF THIS SECTION AND § 445(B)(4) OF PERSON:
	(1) REQUIRED UNDER SUBHEADING;		OMPLETED A CERTIFIED FIREARMS TRAINING COURSE CTION (H)(2)(IX) OF THIS SECTION AND § 445(B)(4) OF THIS
9 10	(2) LAW ENFORCEMI		AW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL ENCY IN THE STATE;
11 12	(3) MEMBER OF THE		EMBER OR, RETIRED MEMBER, OR HONORABLY DISCHARGED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE NATIONAL GUARD;
		TIONS C	EMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OVERNING THEIR SPECIFIC BUSINESS OR ACTIVITY TO ND APPLICABLE AMMUNITION; OR
16 17	(5) THIS ARTICLE.	HAS BI	EEN ISSUED A PERMIT TO CARRY A HANDGUN UNDER § 36E OF
18	445.		
19 20			on may not sell, rent, or transfer a regulated firearm to any s reasonable cause to believe:
21	(1)	Has bee	n convicted of:
22		(i)	A crime of violence;
23 24	conspiracy to commi	(ii) t any cri	Any violation classified as a felony in this State or any nes established by those sections;
25 26	carries a statutory pe	(iii) nalty of r	Any violation classified as a misdemeanor in this State that nore than 2 years; or
27 28	person received a ter	(iv) m of imp	Any violation classified as a common law offense where the risonment of more than 2 years.
29	(2)	Is:	
30		(i)	A fugitive from justice;
31		(ii)	A habitual drunkard;
32 33	substance or substan	(iii) ces:	Addicted to or a habitual user of any controlled dangerous

3 person or self, or has 4 defined in § 10-101 of	been cor of the Hea ion that th	Suffering from a mental disorder as defined in § 10-101(f)(2) of and has a history of violent behavior against another affined for more than 30 consecutive days to a facility as alth - General Article, unless the person possesses a me person is capable of possessing a regulated firearm erson or to others;
7	(v)	Visibly under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
8	(vi)	Under 21 years of age;
9 10 article; or	(vii)	A participant in a "straw purchase" as defined in § 441 of this
11 12 protective order has	(viii) been ente	A respondent against whom a current non ex parte civil ered under § 4-506 of the Family Law Article.
13 (3) 14 AND HAS BEEN A 15 COMMITTING:		S THAN 30 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSACTION ATED DELINQUENT BY A JUVENILE COURT FOR
16	(I)	A CRIME OF VIOLENCE;
17	(II)	ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY IN THIS STATE; OR
18 19 STATE THAT CAR	(III) RRIES A	ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR IN THIS STATUTORY PENALTY OF MORE THAN 2 YEARS.
22 <u>2002</u> HAS NOT CC 23 <u>CONDUCTED FRE</u> 24 <u>OR</u> THAT MEETS	NDER T OMPLETI EE OF CH STANDA	CT TO SUBSECTION (B-1) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A HIS SUBSECTION THAT IS MADE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, ED A CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE HARGE BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION ARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING DED IN ARTICLE 41, § 4-201(D) § 4-201(D-1) OF THE CODE.
27 TRAINING COURS	SE UNDI	NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CERTIFIED FIREARMS ER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION BHEADING IF THE PERSON:
29 (1) 30 REQUIRED UNDE 31 THIS SUBHEADIN	R SUBSI	OMPLETED A CERTIFIED FIREARMS TRAINING COURSE ECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 442(H)(2)(IX) OF
32 <u>(2)</u> 33 <u>LAW ENFORCEM</u>		AW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL ENCY IN THE STATE;
34 (3) 35 <u>MEMBER OF THE</u>		EMBER OR , RETIRED MEMBER, OR HONORABLY DISCHARGED DEFORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE NATIONAL GUARD;

		LATIONS G	EMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OVERNING THEIR SPECIFIC BUSINESS OR ACTIVITY TO ND APPLICABLE AMMUNITION; OR			
4	(5) THIS ARTICLE.	HAS B	HAS BEEN ISSUED A PERMIT TO CARRY A HANDGUN UNDER § 36E OF			
6	(d) A p	erson may no	ot possess a regulated firearm if the person:			
7	(1)	Has bee	en convicted of:			
8		(i)	A crime of violence;			
9		(ii)	Any violation classified as a felony in this State;			
10 11	carries a statutor	(iii) y penalty of 1	Any violation classified as a misdemeanor in this State that more than 2 years; or			
12 13	person received a	(iv) a term of imp	Any violation classified as a common law offense where the prisonment of more than 2 years.			
14	(2)	Is:				
15		(i)	A fugitive from justice;			
16		(ii)	A habitual drunkard;			
17 18	substances;	(iii)	Addicted to or a habitual user of any controlled dangerous			
21 22 23	person or self, or defined in § 10-1 physician's certif	has been condition that the has been condition that the has been conditions the has been conditions that the has been conditined to the has been conditions that the has been conditions that	Suffering from a mental disorder as defined in § 10-101(f)(2) of nd has a history of violent behavior against another affined for more than 30 consecutive days to a facility as alth - General Article, unless the person possesses a he person is capable of possessing a regulated firearm person or to others; or			
25 26	protective order	(v) has been ente	A respondent against whom a current non ex parte civil ered under § 4-506 of the Family Law Article.			
27 28			S THAN 30 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF POSSESSION AND DELINQUENT BY A JUVENILE COURT FOR COMMITTING:			
29		(I)	A CRIME OF VIOLENCE;			
30		(II)	ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY IN THIS STATE; OF			
31 32	STATE THAT ((III) CARRIES A	ANY VIOLATION CLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR IN THIS STATUTORY PENALTY OF MORE THAN 2 YEARS.			

- 1 442B.
- 2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 3 INDICATED.
- 4 (2) "MANUFACTURER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID
- 5 FEDERAL LICENSE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY THAT PERMITS
- 6 THAT PERSON TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF MANUFACTURING FIREARMS OR
- 7 AMMUNITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE OR DISTRIBUTION.
- 8 (3) "PROJECTILE" MEANS THAT PART OF HANDGUN AMMUNITION THAT 9 IS, BY MEANS OF AN EXPLOSION, EXPELLED THROUGH THE BARREL OF THE 10 HANDGUN.
- 11 (4) "SHELL CASING" MEANS THAT PART OF HANDGUN AMMUNITION
- 12 THAT CONTAINS THE PRIMER AND PROPELLENT POWDER TO DISCHARGE THE
- 13 PROJECTILE.
- 14 (B) ANY MANUFACTURER THAT SHIPS OR TRANSPORTS A HANDGUN TO BE
- 15 SOLD, RENTED, OR TRANSFERRED IN THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BOX WITH
- 16 THE HANDGUN IN A SEPARATE SEALED CONTAINER:
- 17 (1) A PROJECTILE DISCHARGED FROM THAT HANDGUN:
- 18 (2) A SHELL CASING OF A PROJECTILE DISCHARGED FROM THAT
- 19 HANDGUN; AND
- 20 (3) (2) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES THE TYPE
- 21 OF HANDGUN, PROJECTILE, OR AND SHELL CASING AND IS AS REQUIRED BY THE
- 22 SECRETARY TO MEET THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 23 (C) UPON RECEIPT OF A HANDGUN FROM THE MANUFACTURER, THE DEALER
- 24 SHALL CONFIRM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE THAT THE
- 25 MANUFACTURER COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B).
- 26 (D) UPON THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE HANDGUN, THE DEALER SHALL
- 27 FORWARD THE SEALED CONTAINER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE CRIME
- 28 LABORATORY.
- 29 (E) UPON RECEIPT OF THE PROJECTILE, SHELL CASING, SHELL CASING AND
- 30 REQUIRED INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE CRIME LABORATORY
- 31 SHALL ENTER THE INFORMATION IN ALL PERTINENT DATABASES.
- 32 (F) THE SECRETARY SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
- 33 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 34 442C.
- 35 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
- 36 INDICATED.

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SENATE BILL 211 "AUTHORIZED USER" MEANS THE OWNER AND ANY PERSON 1 (2) 2 AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER TO POSSESS AND USE THE HANDGUN. "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION ON PERSONALIZED 4 HANDGUN TECHNOLOGY "EXTERNAL SAFETY LOCK" MEANS AN EXTERNAL DEVICE 5 THAT IS: ATTACHED TO A HANDGUN WITH A KEY OR COMBINATION 6 <u>(I)</u> 7 LOCK; AND DESIGNED TO PREVENT A HANDGUN FROM BEING 8 (II)9 DISCHARGED UNLESS THE DEVICE HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED. 10 (4) "HANDGUN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 441(N) OF THIS 11 SUBHEADING BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE SIGNAL, STARTER, AND BLANK PISTOLS. 12 (5) "HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36J(A) 13 OF THIS ARTICLE. "INTEGRATED MECHANICAL SAFETY DEVICE" MEANS A DISABLING 14 (6)15 OR LOCKING DEVICE THAT: 16 (I) IS BUILT INTO A HANDGUN; AND 17 (II)IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE HANDGUN FROM BEING 18 DISCHARGED UNLESS THE DEVICE HAS BEEN REMOVED OR DEACTIVATED. "PERSONALIZED HANDGUN" MEANS A HANDGUN MANUFACTURED 19 20 WITH INCORPORATED DESIGN TECHNOLOGY ALLOWING IT TO BE FIRED ONLY BY A 21 PERSON WHO IS THE AUTHORIZED USER OF THE HANDGUN AND THAT PREVENTS 22 ANY OF THE SAFETY CHARACTERISTICS FROM BEING READILY DEACTIVATED. 23 (B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO: PURCHASES, SALES, AND TRANSPORT TO OR BY A LICENSED GUN 25 DEALER OR MANUFACTURER THAT PROVIDES OR SERVICES A HANDGUN FOR: PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR ANY (I) 27 AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES: MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR 28 (II)29 THE NATIONAL GUARD; LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL 31 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE WHILE THAT PERSONNEL IS ACTING

ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW OR

32 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESS; AND

34 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEIR SPECIFIC BUSINESS OR ACTIVITY TO MAINTAIN

(IV)

35 HANDGUNS AND APPLICABLE AMMUNITION;

1 2	(2) INOPERATIVE;	ANY FIREARM MODIFIED TO RENDER IT PERMANENTLY
3	(3) MANUFACTURER	SALES OR TRANSFERS BY ANY LICENSED GUN DEALER OR COVERED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;
5 6	(4) <u>OR MANUFACTUR</u>	SALES OR TRANSFERS TO <u>BY</u> A LICENSED GUN DEALER IN ANOTHER <u>ER TO A LAWFUL CUSTOMER OUTSIDE THE</u> STATE; OR
7	(5)	ANTIQUE FIREARMS.
10	STATE ANY HAND	ER MAY NOT SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, RENT, OR TRANSFER IN THE GUN MANUFACTURED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2002 UNLESS SOLD, OFFERED FOR SALE, RENTED, OR TRANSFERRED WITH AN Y LOCK.
14 15 16	MANUFACTURED INTEGRATED MECTECHNOLOGY TH	BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2002 2003, A DEALER MAY NOT SELL, RENT, OR TRANSFER IN THE STATE ANY HANDGUN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2001 2002 UNLESS THE HANDGUN HAS AN HANICAL SAFETY DEVICE OR OTHER INCORPORATED DESIGNAT IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT CHILDREN AND OTHER SERS FROM DISCHARGING THE HANDGUN.
18 19	(D) (1) TECHNOLOGY.	THERE IS A COMMISSION ON PERSONALIZED HANDGUN
20	(2)	THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 11 MEMBERS:
21 22	BY THE PRESIDEN	(I) THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED T OF THE SENATE, ONE OF WHOM SHALL SERVE AS COCHAIRMAN;
23 24	BY THE SPEAKER	(II) THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED OF THE HOUSE, ONE OF WHOM SHALL SERVE AS COCHAIRMAN;
25		(III) THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE POLICE;
26 27	HANDGUNS AND	(IV) TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF IANDGUN DESIGN, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND
28 29	GOVERNOR.	(V) TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, APPOINTED BY THE
32 33	THE COMMISSION	(I) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER PERSONALIZED OMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE AND SUBMIT A REPORT CONTAINING S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE HE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, LY 1, 2002.

14 (II)IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE 1 2 COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS. THE COMMISSION MAY 3 CONSIDER: THE RELIABILITY OF THE TECHNOLOGY UTILIZED BY 5 PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS, AND OTHER FACTORS THAT ARE CONSIDERED BY THE 6 HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD AS PROVIDED IN § 36J OF THIS ARTICLE; THE HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE STATUS OF 8 PERSONALIZED HANDGUN TECHNOLOGY AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE 9 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT 10 ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, BEGINNING ON OR 11 BEFORE JULY 1, 2002. 12 IN REVIEWING THE STATUS OF PERSONALIZED HANDGUN 13 TECHNOLOGY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION. THE HANDGUN ROSTER 14 BOARD SHALL CONSIDER: THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF MODELS AND 15 2. <u>(I)</u> 16 CALIBERS OF PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE; (II) 17 ANY STUDIES, ANALYSES, OR OTHER EVALUATIONS 18 OF PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS CONDUCTED BY OR COMMISSIONED BY THE 19 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW 20 ENFORCEMENT LABORATORY, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WITH AN EXPERTISE IN THE 21 FIELD OF HANDGUN TECHNOLOGY; AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION 22 (III)23 HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD CONSIDERS RELEVANT. 24 IF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT PERSONALIZED 25 HANDGUNS ARE COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE, AND THE GOVERNOR ACCEPTS THAT 26 RECOMMENDATION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY 27 COMMITTEE IN WRITING BY JANUARY 1, 2003 THAT, BEGINNING ON JUNE 1, 2003, 28 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A DEALER MAY NOT 29 SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, RENT, OR TRANSFER IN THE STATE A HANDGUN 30 MANUFACTURED AFTER MAY 31, 2003, UNLESS THE HANDGUN IS A PERSONALIZED 31 HANDGUN. IF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT 32 (I) 33 PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS ARE NOT COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE, AND THE 34 GOVERNOR ACCEPTS THAT RECOMMENDATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A 35 SUBSEQUENT REPORT ON JULY 1 AND DECEMBER 31 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR. IF THE COMMISSION'S SUBSEQUENT REPORT REQUIRED 36 37 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH CONTAINS A RECOMMENDATION BY 38 THE COMMISSION THAT PERSONALIZED HANDGUNS ARE COMMERCIALLY 39 AVAILABLE, AND THE GOVERNOR ACCEPTS THAT RECOMMENDATION, THE 40 GOVERNOR SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE IN WRITING BY 41 JANUARY 1 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR THAT, BEGINNING ON JUNE 1 OF THAT YEAR,

- 1 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A DEALER MAY NOT
- 2 SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, RENT, OR TRANSFER IN THE STATE A HANDGUN
- 3 MANUFACTURED AFTER MAY 31 OF THAT YEAR UNLESS THE HANDGUN IS A
- 4 PERSONALIZED HANDGUN.
- 5 445B.
- 6 Any regulated firearm sold, rented, transferred, possessed, received or
- 7 purchased in violation of this subheading may be seized by a law enforcement agency
- 8 as contraband and, after a finding of guilt, disposed of [according to the regulations of
- 9 the seizing law enforcement agency] IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 36C OF THIS ARTICLE.
- 10 449.
- 11 (e) A PERSON WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE
- 12 AS DEFINED IN § 441(E) OF THIS ARTICLE OR CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 286 OR
- 13 § 286A OF THIS ARTICLE, AND WHO IS IN ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AS
- 14 DEFINED IN § 445(D)(1)(I) AND (II) OF THIS ARTICLE, IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND
- 15 UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE IMPRISONED FOR NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS, NO PART
- 16 OF WHICH MAY BE SUSPENDED AND THE PERSON MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR
- 17 PAROLE. EACH VIOLATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE OFFENSE.
- 18 (F) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any dealer or person who
- 19 knowingly participates in the illegal sale, rental, transfer, purchase, possession, or
- 20 receipt of a regulated firearm in violation of this subheading shall be guilty of a
- 21 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned
- 22 for not more than 5 years, or both. Each violation shall be considered a separate
- 23 offense.
- 24 Article 41 Governor Executive and Administrative Departments
- 25 4-201.
- 26 (d) Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional
- 27 Services, the Commission is vested with the following authority, responsibility and
- 28 duty:
- 29 To adopt regulations to establish and enforce standards for prior
- 30 substance abuse by persons applying for certification as a police officer; [and]
- 31 (16) TO DEVELOP STANDARDS AND ADOPT REGULATIONS BY JANUARY 1,
- 32 2001 FOR A CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE FOR ALL HANDGUN
- 33 PURCHASERS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002, AND, IN ADOPTING THESE
- 34 REGULATIONS, TO CONSIDER ANY EXISTING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FIREARMS
- 35 SAFETY TRAINING COURSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ACQUIRING THE
- 36 INPUT OF THE HANDGUN INDUSTRY AND VARIOUS HANDGUN ORGANIZATIONS; AND
- 37 To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to
- 38 carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this section.

3	(D-1) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ADOPT REGULATIONS BY JANUARY 1, 2001 FOR A CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICANT FOR A REGULATED FIREARMS PURCHASE, RENTAL, OR TRANSFER MADE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002.
5 6	(2) THE REQUIRED CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE SHALL:
7	(I) BE OFFERED BY THE COMMISSION AND:
8	1. BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE OR FEE;
9	<u>2.</u> <u>BE NO MORE THAN 2 HOURS IN LENGTH;</u>
	3. <u>BE CONDUCTED OR OFFERED AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE AND BE AVAILABLE AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS;</u>
	4. BE OPEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED BY LAW TO COMPLETE THE FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE, WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF THE REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL;
	5. MAY NOT REQUIRE ANY SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE TESTING IN THE USE OF A REGULATED FIREARM IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE; AND
	6. SHALL ONLY REQUIRE ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE COURSE IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE; OR
22 23	(II) CONTAIN A HANDGUN SAFETY COMPONENT AND BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED BY:
24	1. THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION;
25	<u>2.</u> <u>THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;</u>
26	3. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE; OR
29	4. ANY REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION HAVING AS ONE OF ITS OBJECTIVES THE PROMOTION OF COMPETENCY AND SAFETY IN HANDLING HANDGUNS WHOSE COURSE HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO MEET THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.
31	Article 88B - Department of State Police
32	81.
33 34	(A) (1) THERE IS A CEASE FIRE COUNCIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

1 THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 11 (2)(I)2 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR: THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE 4 JUSTICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE POLICE, OR THE 2. 6 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE: 7 THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC 8 SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 10 OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; TWO STATE'S ATTORNEYS WHO ARE RECOMMENDED BY 12 THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE'S ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION, APPOINTED 13 BY THE GOVERNOR; 14 ONE SHERIFF; 6. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHIEFS OF 15 7. 16 POLICE ASSOCIATION, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; 17 8 ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL 18 POLICE EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; 19 TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, 9. 20 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. 21 (II)THE SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, OR THE 22 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF 23 (III)24 THE GOVERNOR FOR THREE YEAR TERMS. EACH TERM SHALL BE STAGGERED, AND 25 AT THE END OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER'S TERM, THE MEMBER SHALL CONTINUE TO 26 SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT SHALL 27 28 BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 29 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS. THE COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED TO ADMINISTER A STATE GRANT 30 31 PROGRAM TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE FIREARMS VIOLENCE 32 REDUCTION INITIATIVES. 33 THE COUNCIL SHALL: (4) (I) AWARD GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF 35 THIS SECTION:

- 1 (II) ESTABLISH OR ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS 2 DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF FIREARMS VIOLENCE RELATED CRIME.
- 3 AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN EXISTING PROGRAMS WITH THESE
- 4 OBJECTIVES;
- 5 (III) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND
- 6 METHODOLOGIES TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING
- 7 UNDER THIS SECTION:
- 8 (IV) IDENTIFY PRIORITIES FOR FIREARMS VIOLENCE RELATED
- 9 CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES IN THE STATE; AND
- 10 (V) DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE OUTCOMES
- 11 OF PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS.
- 12 (5) (I) STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL SHALL BE PROVIDED BY
- 13 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.
- 14 (II) THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE
- 15 DEPARTMENT SHALL SERVE AS THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COUNCIL.
- 16 (B) (1) THERE IS A CEASE FIRE COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM.
- 17 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE
- 18 BUDGET.
- 19 (3) GRANTS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL SHALL BE USED TO CARRY OUT
- 20 THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION.
- 21 (4) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER AND GIVE PRIORITY TO THE
- 22 FOLLOWING WHEN MAKING PROGRAM AWARDS:
- 23 (I) COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 24 AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS WHICH TARGET CRIMINALS AND JUVENILES WHO
- 25 USE OR ILLEGALLY POSSESS FIREARMS:
- 26 (II) LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION SALARIES AND
- 27 OVERTIME IN SUPPORT OF FIREARM VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAMS:
- 28 (III) COVERT FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND
- 29 DEBRIEFING OF CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE ARRESTEES AND OFFENDERS FOR
- 30 INFORMATION RELATED TO ILLEGAL FIREARMS TRAFFICKING;
- 31 (IV) INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT THE TRACING OF FIREARMS USED
- 32 TO COMMIT CRIMES OR DELINQUENT ACTS AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF ILLEGAL
- 33 FIREARMS TRAFFICKERS;
- 34 (V) PURCHASES OF TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS TO
- 35 SUPPORT FIREARM VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVES; AND

- 1 (VI) OTHER EFFORTS THAT AID IN THE APPREHENSION AND
- 2 PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS AND JUVENILES WHO USE OR ILLEGALLY POSSESS
- 3 FIREARMS.
- 4 (5) EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROGRAM MAY ONLY BE MADE
- 5 PURSUANT TO AN APPROPRIATION IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET OR BY BUDGET
- 6 AMENDMENT.
- 7 (6) THE COUNCIL SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE
- 8 GRANT PROCESS AND THE OVERSIGHT OF GRANTS AWARDED BY THE COUNCIL.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 10 October 1, 2000.