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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 74 (Delegate Kagan)

Judiciary

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**Regulated Firearms - Purchase, Rent, or Transfer - Application Process**

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This bill provides that a regulated firearms dealer or designated law enforcement agency must utilize a facsimile machine to forward applications for the sale, rent, or transfer of specified regulated firearms by the end of the business day on which the application is received, if the dealer or agency received more than five such applications during the preceding calendar year.

Dealers or law enforcement agencies that receive no more than five applications within the preceding calendar year would still have the option of using certified mail or a facsimile machine, and would still have to forward the application promptly after receiving it.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal. While this bill would enable the State Police to process regulated firearms applications in a more timely fashion, there would not be any measurable fiscal impact. It is noted that the budget committees have requested the State Police to randomly audit all firearms applications.

**Local Effect:** Minimal. Any savings accruing from the use of fax machines rather than certified mail by local law enforcement agencies would not have a measurable fiscal or operational impact on local governments.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** Firearms dealers and local law enforcement agencies, regardless of the number of applications received, have the option of forwarding transaction applications by certified mail or facsimile machine. The applications must be forwarded to the State Police promptly after receiving the application.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Maryland Department of Transportation, Calvert County, Caroline County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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