
By: **Delegate K. Kelly**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms - Handgun Shell Casing Requirements - Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing requirements concerning transport, shipping, receipt,
4 sale, transfer, entering of information into databases, and adoption of
5 regulations relating to certain handgun shell casings; and generally relating to
6 the repeal of requirements relating to handgun shell casings.

7 BY repealing

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

9 Section 442B

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY renumbering

13 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

14 Section 442C

15 to be Section 442B

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

21 [442B.

22 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (2) "Manufacturer" means any person who possesses a valid federal
24 license issued by the Secretary of the Treasury that permits that person to engage in
25 the business of manufacturing firearms or ammunition for the purpose of sale or
26 distribution.

1 (3) "Projectile" means that part of handgun ammunition that is, by
2 means of an explosion, expelled through the barrel of the handgun.

3 (4) "Shell casing" means that part of handgun ammunition that contains
4 the primer and propellant powder to discharge the projectile.

5 (b) Any manufacturer that ships or transports a handgun to be sold, rented, or
6 transferred in the State shall include in the box with the handgun in a separate
7 sealed container:

8 (1) A shell casing of a projectile discharged from that handgun; and

9 (2) Additional information that identifies the type of handgun and shell
10 casing as required by the Secretary to meet the provisions of this section.

11 (c) Upon receipt of a handgun from the manufacturer, the dealer shall confirm
12 to the Department of State Police that the manufacturer complied with the provisions
13 of subsection (b).

14 (d) Upon the sale or transfer of the handgun, the dealer shall forward the
15 sealed container to the Department of State Police crime laboratory.

16 (e) Upon receipt of the shell casing and required information, the Department
17 of State Police crime laboratory shall enter the information in all pertinent databases.

18 (f) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of
19 this section.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 442C of Article
21 27 - Crimes and Punishments of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to
22 be Section(s) 442B.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2001.