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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun Sales - Shell Casing Requirement - Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement compelling any manufacturer that  
4 ships or transports a handgun to be sold, rented, or transferred in the State to  
5 include with the handgun a shell casing in a separate sealed container and  
6 certain information; repealing certain requirements that are related to shell  
7 casings and applicable to dealers, the Department of State Police, and the  
8 Secretary of the State Police; and generally relating to selling, renting, or  
9 transferring handguns.

10 BY repealing  
11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
12 Section 442B  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 [442B.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2001.