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and Jimeno**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun and Shell Casing Requirements - Contest Revolvers Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a certain shooting contest revolver from certain  
4 requirements for identifying the type of handgun and shell casing; and generally  
5 relating to handgun and shell casing identification requirements.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
8 Section 442B  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 442B.

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

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

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

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

24 (b) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COLT SINGLE ACTION  
25 COMMEMORATIVE COWBOY ARMY REVOLVER USED EXCLUSIVELY IN WHAT IS  
26 COMMONLY KNOWN AS A COWBOY SHOOTING CONTEST.

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

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

5           [(2)]   (II)    Additional information that identifies the type of handgun and  
6 shell 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, 2002.