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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handguns - Sales by Law Enforcement Agencies to Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a law enforcement agency of a county or municipal
4 corporation to allow a current or retired law enforcement officer to keep or
5 acquire the handgun assigned to the officer under certain circumstances;
6 allowing a certain law enforcement officer to purchase a certain handgun under
7 certain circumstances; and generally relating to handguns issued to law
8 enforcement officers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Public Safety
11 Section 3-501
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003)

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

16 **Article - Public Safety**

17 3-501.

18 (A) A law enforcement agency seeking to dispose of a handgun owned by the
19 agency shall:

20 (1) destroy the handgun;

21 (2) sell, exchange, or transfer the handgun to another law enforcement
22 agency for official use by that agency;

23 (3) sell the handgun to a retired police employee in accordance with §
24 2-415(c) of this article; or

25 (4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, sell the handgun to
26 the law enforcement officer to whom the handgun was assigned.

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1 (B) (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
2 CORPORATION MAY ALLOW A CURRENT OR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
3 TO KEEP OR ACQUIRE THE HANDGUN ASSIGNED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 OFFICER IF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REIMBURSES THE LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE REPLACEMENT VALUE OF THE HANDGUN.

6 (2) IF THE HANDGUN ISSUED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS
7 BEEN DESTROYED OR IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE, THE LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY PURCHASE A SIMILAR HANDGUN IF THE LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSACTION.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2003.