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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety - Handgun Identification Requirements - Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision that establishes a certain procedure
4 for the collection and reporting of certain handgun shell casing information; and
5 generally relating to handgun identification requirements.

6 BY repealing

7 Article - Public Safety

8 Section 5-131

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2003 Volume)

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

13 **Article - Public Safety**

14 [5-131.

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

16 (2) "Manufacturer" means a person who possesses a federal license to
17 engage in the business of manufacturing firearms or ammunition for sale or
18 distribution.

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

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

23 (b) A manufacturer that ships or transports a handgun for sale, rental, or
24 transfer in the State shall include in the box with the handgun in a separate, sealed
25 container:

1 (1) a shell casing of a projectile discharged from the handgun; and

2 (2) additional information that the Secretary requires to identify the
3 type of handgun and shell casing.

4 (c) (1) On receipt of a handgun from a manufacturer, the dealer shall
5 confirm to the Department of State Police that the manufacturer has complied with
6 subsection (b) of this section.

7 (2) On the sale, rental, or transfer of the handgun, the dealer shall
8 forward the sealed container to the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory.

9 (d) On receipt of a shell casing and information as required in subsection (b) of
10 this section, the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory shall enter the
11 information in each relevant database.]

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2004.