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## 1 AN ACT concerning

## **Public Safety - Handguns - Integrated Mechanical Safety Device Requirement - Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain definition; repealing a certain provision  
5 prohibiting a certain dealer on or after a certain date from offering for sale, rent,  
6 or transfer in the State a handgun manufactured on or after a certain date  
7 unless the handgun has an integrated mechanical safety device; and generally  
8 relating to integrated mechanical safety devices for handguns.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Public Safety  
11 Section 5-132(a) and (c)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2003 Volume)

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 5-132.

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

19 (2) "Authorized user" means the owner of a handgun or a person  
20 authorized by the owner to possess and use the handgun.

21 (3) "External safety lock" means an external device that is:

22 (i) attached to a handgun with a key or combination lock; and

23 (ii) designed to prevent a handgun from being discharged unless  
24 the device has been deactivated.

25 (4) "Handgun" does not include a signal, starter, or blank pistol.

3 [6] "Integrated mechanical safety device" means a disabling or locking  
4 device that is:

5 (i) built into a handgun; and

6 (ii) designed to prevent the handgun from being discharged unless  
7 the device has been deactivated.]

[7] (6) "Personalized handgun" means a handgun manufactured with incorporated design technology that:

10 (i) allows the handgun to be fired only by the authorized user; and

11 (ii) prevents any of the safety characteristics of the handgun from  
12 being readily deactivated.

13 (c) [1(1)] A dealer may not sell, offer for sale, rent, or transfer in the State a  
14 handgun manufactured on or before December 31, 2002, unless the handgun is sold,  
15 offered for sale, rented, or transferred with an external safety lock.

[2] On or after January 1, 2003, a dealer may not sell, offer for sale, rent, or transfer in the State a handgun manufactured on or after January 1, 2003, unless the handgun has an integrated mechanical safety device.]

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