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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handguns - Integrated Mechanical Safety Device - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the integrated mechanical safety device
4 that is required to be on certain handguns before a dealer may sell, offer for sale,
5 rent, or transfer the handguns in the State; and generally relating to handgun
6 safety devices.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Public Safety
9 Section 5-132(a)(1) and (c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Public Safety
14 Section 5-132(a)(6)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2003 Volume)

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

19 **Article - Public Safety**

20 5-132.

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

22 (6) (I) "Integrated mechanical safety device" means a disabling or
23 locking device that is:

24 [(i)] 1. built into a handgun[; and] OR IS CAPABLE OF BEING
25 PLACED INTO A HANDGUN THAT IS INTEGRATED INTO OR BECOMES INTEGRATED
26 INTO THE HANDGUN AFTER LOCKING OR ACTIVATION; and

1 [(ii)] 2. designed to prevent the handgun from being discharged
2 unless the device has been deactivated BY OPENING WITH A KEY, UNLOCKING A
3 COMBINATION LOCK, OR SIMILAR ACTION.

4 (II) "INTEGRATED MECHANICAL SAFETY DEVICE" INCLUDES A
5 CABLE LOCK OR A LOCK ADDED TO A HANDGUN AFTER ORIGINAL MANUFACTURE.

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

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

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