
By: **Senator Forehand**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Police Officer Protection Act of 2005**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons who sell or transfer regulated firearms
4 to notify certain purchasers or recipients at the time of purchase or transfer that
5 the purchaser or recipient is required to report a lost or stolen regulated firearm
6 to a certain law enforcement agency; requiring the owner of a regulated firearm
7 to report the loss or theft of the regulated firearm to a certain law enforcement
8 agency within a certain period of time after the owner discovers the loss or theft;
9 establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to the loss or theft of
10 regulated firearms.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Public Safety

13 Section 5-144

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Public Safety**

19 5-144.

20 (A) A DEALER OR OTHER PERSON WHO SELLS OR TRANSFERS A REGULATED
21 FIREARM SHALL NOTIFY A PURCHASER OR RECIPIENT OF A REGULATED FIREARM AT
22 THE TIME OF PURCHASE OR TRANSFER THAT THE PURCHASER OR RECIPIENT IS
23 REQUIRED TO REPORT A LOST OR STOLEN REGULATED FIREARM TO THE LOCAL LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

25 (B) IF A REGULATED FIREARM IS LOST OR STOLEN, THE OWNER OF THE
26 REGULATED FIREARM SHALL REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO THE LOCAL LAW
27 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE OWNER FIRST DISCOVERS
28 THE LOSS OR THEFT.

1 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
2 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A
3 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 2005.