

SENATE BILL 497

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SB 518/06 – JPR

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By: **Senators Haines, Brinkley, Hooper, Jacobs, and Mooney**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Disposal of Handguns Owned by a Law Enforcement Agency**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a law enforcement agency to dispose of a handgun
4 owned by the agency by selling, exchanging, or transferring the handgun to a
5 manufacturer; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the disposal of
6 handguns owned by a law enforcement agency.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 3–501
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 3–501.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "MANUFACTURER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**
 2 **§ 5-131(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

3 **(B)** A law enforcement agency seeking to dispose of a handgun owned by the
 4 agency shall:

5 (1) destroy the handgun;

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

8 (3) sell the handgun to a retired police employee in accordance with §
 9 2-415(c) of this article; [or]

10 (4) sell the handgun to the law enforcement officer to whom the
 11 handgun was assigned; **OR**

12 **(5) SELL, EXCHANGE, OR TRANSFER THE HANDGUN TO A**
 13 **MANUFACTURER.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 15 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.