

HOUSE BILL 119

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police – Firearm Applications – Authority of Secretary**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, in addition to the current methods for transferring
4 a firearm application to the Secretary of State Police, a firearm application may
5 be transferred to the Secretary by ~~any other method pre-approved~~ electronic
6 means approved by the Secretary; and generally relating to the Department of
7 State Police and the application to purchase a firearm.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 5–120
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 5–120.

17 (a) (1) On receipt of a firearm application, a licensee or designated law
18 enforcement agency shall promptly forward one copy of it to the Secretary by [certified
19 mail or facsimile machine]:

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.



(I) CERTIFIED MAIL;

(II) FACSIMILE MACHINE; OR

(III) ~~ANY OTHER METHOD PRE-APPROVED~~ ELECTRONIC
MEANS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.

(2) The copy of the firearm application forwarded to the Secretary shall contain the name, address, and signature of the prospective seller, lessor, or transferor.

(b) (1) The prospective seller, lessor, or transferor shall keep one copy of the firearm application for not less than 3 years.

(2) The firearm applicant is entitled to the remaining copy of the firearm application.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the licensee or designated law enforcement agency shall forward the \$10 application fee with the firearm application to the Secretary.

(2) A licensee or designated law enforcement agency that uses a facsimile machine to forward the firearm application to the Secretary shall:

(i) be billed \$10 for each firearm application forwarded to the Secretary during the month; and

(ii) pay the total application fee by the fifteenth day of the following month.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.