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Senate Bill 64 (Senator Simonaire)
Judicial Proceedings

Public Safety - Machine Gun Registration - Notice to Renew

This bill requires that, for renewal registrations of machine guns in the State, the Secretary of State Police must notify the registrant in writing by March 15 of each year of the requirement to renew the machine gun registration.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The State Police already send out renewal notices for machine gun registrations, therefore, the bill's requirements can be met with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person who acquires a machine gun must register the machine gun with the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after acquiring the machine gun and in each succeeding year during the month of May. The Secretary of State Police is required to prepare and, on request of an applicant, furnish an application form for registration.

An application for registration must contain:

- the make, model, serial number, caliber, type, barrel length, finish, and country of origin of the machine gun;

- the name, address, race, gender, date of birth, Maryland driver's license number, and occupation of the person in possession of the machine gun; and
- the name of the person from whom the machine gun was acquired and the purpose for acquiring the machine gun.

The term "machine gun" means a loaded or unloaded weapon that is capable of automatically discharging more than one shot or bullet from a magazine by a single function of the firing device.

Background: There are currently 928 machine gun registrations on file with the Department of State Police.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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