

SENATE BILL 584

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By: **Senator Astle**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Identification Requirements – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law requiring certain firearms
4 manufacturers and dealers and the Department of State Police to take certain
5 actions relating to identification of handguns; and generally relating to handgun
6 identification requirements.

7 BY repealing

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–131

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 **[5–131.**

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

17 (2) “Manufacturer” means a person who possesses a federal license to
18 engage in the business of manufacturing firearms or ammunition for sale or
19 distribution.

20 (3) “Projectile” means the part of handgun ammunition that is
21 expelled through the barrel of the handgun by an explosion.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) “Shell casing” means the part of handgun ammunition that
2 contains the primer and propellant powder to discharge the projectile.

3 (b) A manufacturer that ships or transports a handgun for sale, rental, or
4 transfer in the State shall include in the box with the handgun in a separate, sealed
5 container:

6 (1) a shell casing of a projectile discharged from the handgun; and

7 (2) additional information that the Secretary requires to identify the
8 type of handgun and shell casing.

9 (c) (1) On receipt of a handgun from a manufacturer, the dealer shall
10 confirm to the Department of State Police that the manufacturer has complied with
11 subsection (b) of this section.

12 (2) On the sale, rental, or transfer of the handgun, the dealer shall
13 forward the sealed container to the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory.

14 (d) On receipt of a shell casing and information as required in subsection (b)
15 of this section, the Department of State Police Crime Laboratory shall enter the
16 information in each relevant database.]

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2014.