

HOUSE BILL 35

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By: **Delegate Queen**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Firearm Telematics – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Handgun Roster Board under the Department of State
4 Police to study and make recommendations about firearm telematics; requiring the
5 ~~Department~~ Handgun Roster Board to take certain actions in conducting the study
6 and making recommendations; requiring the ~~Department~~ Handgun Roster Board to
7 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
8 on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearm
9 telematics.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) In this section, “firearm telematics” means an electronic sensor or equipment
13 installed on a firearm designed to track the location of the firearm if it becomes lost or
14 stolen.

15 (b) The Handgun Roster Board under the Department of State Police shall study
16 and make recommendations about firearm telematics.

17 (c) In conducting the study and making recommendations, the ~~Department~~
18 Handgun Roster Board shall:

19 (1) analyze the current research and development of firearm telematics;

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 (2) evaluate the technical feasibility of incorporating firearm telematics
2 with previously manufactured firearms;

3 (3) determine types of firearms to which firearm telematics may be applied
4 or attached;

5 (4) determine whether firearm telematics are currently available for retail
6 sale purposes, and, if not, when firearm telematics are likely to become available for retail
7 sale purposes; ~~and~~

8 (5) provide recommendations for the most feasible methods to utilize
9 firearm telematics to recover lost or stolen firearms; and

10 (6) provide recommendations for the best use of firearm telematics for
11 various categories of owners and users of firearms, including licensed firearms dealers, law
12 enforcement personnel and agencies, and other licensed firearms owners.

13 (d) On or before July 1, 2021, the ~~Department~~ Handgun Roster Board shall report
14 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the
15 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.