SENATE BILL 667

By: Senator McCray
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2022
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore Police Department – Firearm Destruction, Seizure, and Recovery – Reporting Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore Police Department to report certain information to the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly regarding firearms destroyed, seized, or recovered by the Department during a certain year; providing for a certain penalty for noncompliance; and generally relating to firearm destruction, seizure, and recovery reporting requirements.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–501.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

3–501.1.

(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2023, THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, REPORT TO THE BALTIMORE CITY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE FIREARMS DESTROYED, SEIZED, OR RECOVERED BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
SUBSECTION SHALL ADDRESS:

(I) THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS DESTROYED, SEIZED, OR RECOVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD;

(II) THE MANUFACTURER AND TYPE OF EACH FIREARM, TO THE EXTENT KNOWN, INCLUDING WHETHER IT IS A HANDGUN, RIFLE, MACHINE GUN, OR SHOTGUN;

(III) WHETHER EACH FIREARM HAD A SERIAL NUMBER;

(IV) THE REASON FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF EACH FIREARM;

(V) THE SOURCE OF EACH FIREARM, INCLUDING SEIZURE FROM A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT, CRIME EVIDENCE, AGENCY PURCHASE, TURNED IN TO THE AGENCY BY A CITIZEN, OR ANY OTHER SOURCE; AND

(VI) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

(B) THE REPORT SUBMITTED ON MARCH 1, 2023, UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING FIREARMS DESTROYED, SEIZED, OR RECOVERED BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING EACH CALENDAR YEAR FROM 2012 THROUGH 2021.

(C) IF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT SUBMITTED A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES MAY NOT MAKE ANY GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.